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EDUCATIONAL HYPOGAMY AND WIVES' EARNINGS ADVANTAGE? PARTNERED PARENTHOOD AND EARNINGS AFTER MARRIAGE



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In the United States, earnings premium for men and the penalty for women following childbearing are well documented. In recent decades, as women have surpassed men in college attainment, there has been an increase in hypogamous marriages, where the wife has a college degree, and the husband does not. But does hypogamous marriage lead to different earnings trajectories for men and women? Using data from the National Longitudinal Study of Youth 1979, we examine trends in husbands' and wives' earnings during the first ten years after their first marriage. Results from fixed effects models show that presence and number of children amplify the earnings premium for husbands and the penalty for wives in marriages where at least the husband has a college education. However, in hypogamous marriages, these premiums and penalties are much smaller. Hypogamous couples face an earnings disadvantage compared to marriages where at least the husband has a college education.

OUR SPEAKER



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Zhenchao Qian is Professor of Sociology and Faculty Associate of Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University. His research explores partner availabilities, assortative mating, patterns and trends of marital and cohabiting unions, with a focus on gender, race, social class, and nativity differences and health and well-being.