

Gender-Pay-Gap, Wages and Housework: An Empirical Analysis for Germany

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Abstract

This paper presents first evidence on the impact of hours spent on housework activities on individuals' wages for Germany using data from the German Socio-Economic Panel and the German Time Use Survey. In contrast to most of the previous international literature, we find no negative effect of housework on wages. This holds for men and women, for married and single individuals, and for part-time and full-time workers both in West and East Germany. Our findings are also unaffected when distinguishing different types of housework activities and hold whether or not addressing the endogeneity of housework in our wage regressions.