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DO YOU REALLY WANT TO SHARE EVERYTHING? - THE WELLBEING OF WORK-LINKED COUPLES

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Motivation

- Working life and partnership quality are crucial determinants of human wellbeing
- ⇒ Interplay of both domains similarly important and determined by compatibility of job demands and family commitments
- Literature Gap: Surprisingly little is known about wellbeing of couples where working life and partnership intersect

This Paper

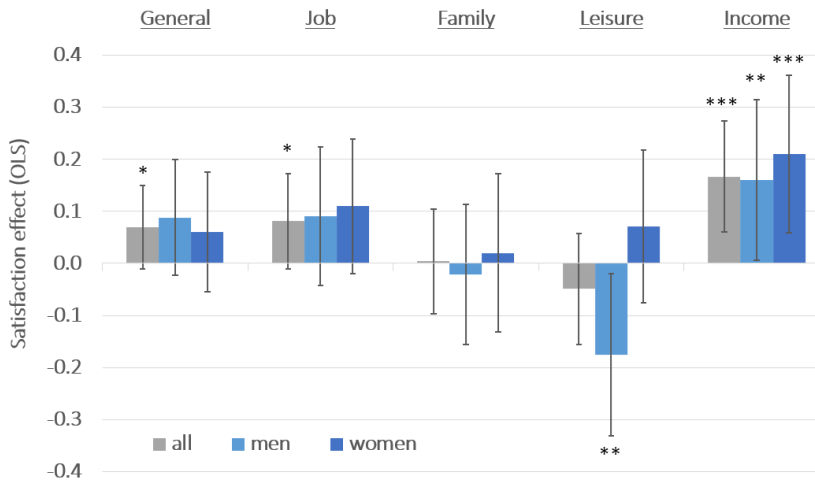
What is the effect of being work-linked (*i.e. working in the same occupation and/or industry*) on subjective wellbeing of the partners.

- Mechanisms: Assortative matching and career success, work-life balance, reference points

This Paper: Approach

- **DATA:** German Socio-Economic Panel 1996 - 2018
 - **Sample:** Cohabiting, heterosexual, dual-earner couples with both partners between 25 and 64 and with valid personal interviews (N=102,904)
 - **Outcome:** Self-reported life, job, leisure, family and income satisfaction
 - **Explanatory Variable:** Work-Links as measured by both partners having the same occupation (*Kldb92, 3dig level*) and industry
- **ESTIMATION STRATEGY:**
 - ① **OLS Estimation** with extensive list of control variables as well as occupation and industry FE [List](#)
 - ② **Instrumental variable approach** using the calculated gender disparity in the occupation (*administrative data*) as well as partner's parental occupation as instrument for the likelihood of a work-link

Results in a Nutshell



Source: SOEP version 35, years 1996 - 2018

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!



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Comments and Feedback are highly welcome.

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