

- We tested the causal link between AFI and intelligence using inter-generational data, and explicitly parsed between- and within-family variance.
- When we evaluated the relationship using a between-family design, we found a positive relationship between intelligence and AFI for both maternal intelligence and child intelligence.
- When we use a within-family design, the relationship between intelligence and AFI vanishes for both maternal intelligence and child intelligence.
- We find no evidence for intelligence being a direct causal influence on AFI.
- These results suggest that the cause of the intelligence-AFI link is not intelligence *per se*, but rather differences between families (parental education, SES, *etc.*) that correlate with family-level (but not individual-level) intelligence.
- Although “Smart Teens Don’t Have Sex (or Kiss Much Either)” (Halpern *et al*, 2000) at a descriptive level, the specific and proximal causal factors do not appear to be much related to smartness.