

- The causal relationship between intelligence and age at first intercourse is tested, using intergenerational sibling comparisons.
- When we evaluated the relationship between maternal/child intelligence and AFI, using a between-family design, we found a positive relationship between intelligence and AFI.
- When we use a within-family design and compare offspring of sisters, and then compare the offspring themselves, the relationship between maternal/child intelligence and AFI virtually disappears.
- 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.