

Feedback from Nathan on ESD project

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In this document, you'll find a summary of the feedback I got, to which I've added my impressions through highlighting and comments, using the following key:

Yes please

Don't like the sound of that

Not sure I understand

In bold text, comment by Alex

In section 2, I suggest possible changes.

1 Ideas I got from the defence

- Surprising that girls get more investment
- Family structure warning: as it is, I'm dropping all single mothers in the UK
- Imputation: run both ways
- What would gender equality look like given the way it is measured... what is a "fair" threshold for egalitarian task division
- Telling a story of gender and power dynamics
- Doing gender can be a good framework if you talk more about that we are doing gender because there are a) social scripts. b) rewards, and c) sanctions.
- Parents operating within constraints to produce the greatest possibility of success
- Is the larger investment into daughters a way to prepare/compensate for gendered discrimination "out there"
- Be a bit more concise with what you measure and link it to the dimensions that are focused
- Better structure of results needed
- What is the time dimension (this is hard to follow throughout the thesis)
- Siblings study?

2 Moving on

- Fix the division of labour variable so that I'm not dropping single mothers
- When doing imputations like I did, try different ways
- Be clearer for time frames