

# What research shows about birth order, personality, and I.Q.

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Sometimes parents have preconceived notions of how a child of a certain gender or birth order is supposed to act. The oldest child in the family tends to have better leadership skills and takes a more conservative, power-oriented and dominant approach. The second born studies the first and looks for way to overtake the first.

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Which makes sense considering the qualities the youngest is supposed to possess. First-borns have advantages in the family in that they get more attention and time from their parents, are read to more frequently, get higher educations, score higher on IQ tests and often overachieve.

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With regard to intelligence—which you have undoubtedly also heard is related to birth order and fits the Confluence model—the data remain unconvincing: When you add in the , which states that people perform on intelligence tests in ways subtly influenced by their self-perceptions, the birth order research becomes even more inherently flawed. But I was emotionally even more neglected than she was. There are biological and adopted families.

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Also, a glorification of the deceased child can occur- where other siblings could never live up to the pristine image of the deceased sibling.

## Does 'birth order' impact a child's character and personality development

Some birth-order theorists promise the world. She makes a lot of money now as an engineer and is in a leading position, and she helps me with money, while I'm in my early 20s, still living at home, and still trying to figure out what I want to do with my life. Born to learn or born to win? Neither is good nor bad, but it allows you to know how best to approach each individual at work.

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