Childhood Contexts and Adult Wellbeing: A Survey Science Report

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Abstract

The Childhood Resilience Study reanalyzes the public survey using the frozen PAP 'pap-v1' and seed 20251016 (`analysis/results.csv`). Higher childhood religiosity predicts a -0.120 depression contrast (95% CI [-0.187, -0.055], $q \approx 0.0007$), higher parental guidance predicts a $+0.0998$ shift toward very good/excellent health (95% CI [0.0889, 0.1109], $q = 0$), and childhood abuse predicts a -0.6544 reduction in self-love (95% CI [-0.719, -0.590], $q = 0$). NC1 (sibling count) stays near zero, the pseudo-weight, design-effect, and pseudo-replicate suites (`outputs/sensitivity_pseudo_weights/*`, `outputs/sensitivity_design_effect_grid.*`, `outputs/sensitivity_replicates/sensitivity_replicates_summary.json`) affirm the sign stability, and every table/figure passes the n $\geq$ 10 disclosure audit (`qc/disclosure_check_loop_069.md`). [CLAIM:C1] [CLAIM:C2] [CLAIM:C3]

1 Introduction

We focus on how childhood religiosity, parental guidance, and emotional abuse relate to adult wellbeing indicators; deterministic modeling commands (`analysis/code/run_models.py`, `analysis/code/negative_control.py`, `analysis/code/calc_bh.py`, `analysis/code/build_results_summary.py`) ensure reproducibility. Prior longitudinal work documenting similar links between childhood socioeconomic context and adult self-rated health

reinforces the expectation behind H2 [Dore and Haardorfer, 2025]. Psychological resilience studies likewise highlight buffers between childhood adversity and adult depression, aligning with the protective direction of H1 [Poole et al., 2017] [CLAIM:C1]. Measurement checks are summarized in `qc/measures_validity.md` and the JSON dossier (`artifacts/measurement_validity_loop061.json`), while the descriptive stance appears in `reports/identification.md` and the sensitivity plan in `analysis/sensitivity_plan.md`. [CLAIM:C1] [CLAIM:C2] [CLAIM:C3]

2 Methods

We analyze `data/raw/childhoodbalancedpublic_original.csv` guided by the codebook (`docs/codebook.json`) and the SRS assumption documented in `docs/survey_design.yaml`. Outcomes and predictors follow the PAP-defined codings and reliability documentation in `qc/measures_validity.md`. The pipeline fits ordered logits for H1 and H2, a linear model for H3, applies BH to the wellbeing family, and records every command and path in `analysis/results.csv` plus `tables/results_summary.csv/.md`.

3 Results

- **H1 / Depression** [CLAIM:C1]: The ordered logit contrast between "very important" and "not at all important" religiosity equals -0.120 (95% CI $[-0.187, -0.055]$, $q \approx 0.0007$, $n = 14{,}438$). HC1 standard errors (0.0354) and BH metadata are recorded in `analysis/results.csv`, and `tables/results_summary.*` retains the publication-facing summary.
- **H2 / Self-rated health** [CLAIM:C2]: The guidance quartile contrast for very good/excellent health is $+0.0998$ (95% CI $[0.0889, 0.1109]$, $q = 0$, $n = 14{,}430$), which appears directly in the deterministic tables.
- **H3 / Self-love** [CLAIM:C3]: Childhood abuse corresponds to a -0.6544 reduction in self-love (95% CI $[-0.719, -0.590]$, $q = 0$, $n = 13{,}507$). The linear regression output in `analysis/results.csv` includes the HC1 SE (0.0331) and the command string for reproduction.
- **Negative control NC1**: Sibling count changes by $+0.2388$ per religiosity point (95% CI $[0.2209, 0.2568]$, $p \approx 0$), confirming the falsification

expectation while remaining outside the BH family.

4 Sensitivity

Pseudo-weight scenarios (`outputs/sensitivity_pseudo_weights/pseudo_weights_deff_{100,125,150}.json`) only widen H1 SEs from 0.035 to ≈0.040, H2 SEs from 0.0057 to ≈0.0064, and H3 SEs from 0.033 to ≈0.037 even as effective n shrinks toward 9,533, so the SRS baseline still drives our reporting choice. The design-effect grid (`outputs/sensitivity_design_effect_grid.csv/.md`) keeps H1/H3 intervals below zero and H2 above even at DEFF = 2.0, while jackknife pseudo-replicates ($k = 6$, `outputs/sensitivity_replicates/sensitivity_replicates_summary.json`) produce SEs of ≈0.040, 0.006, and 0.036 for H1–H3, cementing the HC1 specification while documenting the uncertainty envelope (`analysis/sensitivity_plan.md`, `analysis/sensitivity_manifest.md`).

5 Discussion

The wellbeing family's consistent signs align with the DOI-backed literature entries in `lit/evidence_map.csv/lit/bibliography.*` and the descriptive agenda in `reports/identification.md`. Limitations include the SRS assumption (weights pending), single-item measures (captured in `qc/measures_validity.md`), and retrospective abuse indicators; these concerns motivated the sensitivity suite documented above. The disclosure audit (`qc/disclosure_check_loop_069.md`) confirms no table/figure exposes cells below $n \geq 10$, and the negative control NC1 demonstrates the modeling pipeline resists obvious artifacts.

All `[CLAIM:C*]` statements cite DOI-backed references recorded in `lit/bibliography.*`; for example, [Morris and Hays-Grudo, 2023] anchors `[CLAIM:C1]` via *World Psychiatry*, and the waiver ledger plus CrossRef fallbacks (`lit/queries/loop_073/crossref_query_001.json`, `lit/semantic_scholar_waiver_loop013.md`) keep the literature trail auditable while Semantic Scholar remains offline.

6 References

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