

# Live Longer and Healthier: Impact of Pension Income on Mortality

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## » Motivation

Rising old-age poverty has become a **key policy concern**.  
(Börsch-Supan and Coile, 2018).

Evaluating the **mortality impact** of pension income for low-income pensioners is important.

- Socioeconomic disparities in old-age mortality persist and have widened over time in many developed countries (Currie and Schwandt, 2016; Wenau et al., 2019).

However, there is little causal evidence on how **pension income affects mortality** (Snyder and Evans, 2006).

- Difficulty in isolating exogenous income variations from changes in other parameters of the public pension system.

## » This paper

Explore a German **pension subsidy program** for low-paid workers introduced in 1992.

- Subsidy size is exogenously determined.
- Retirement timing response is limited. (Ye, 2022)

Use **two eligibility conditions**:

1. to study impact of subsidy program using a **DID** design.
2. as **instrument** for pension income in IV setting.

## » Main findings

↑ **100€/month** of pension income ( $\sim 15\%$ ):

- ↓ prob. of dying before 65 by **23.5%**;
- ↓ prob. of dying before 70 by **8.2%**;
- ↓ prob. of dying before 75 by **2.5%**.
- ↑ age at death (censored at 75) by **2.4 months**.

Improvements in **both mental and physical health**.

Results are mostly **driven by men**.

## » Literature

Impact of **old-age pension** income on mortality:

- Evidence from **developing countries** (Case, 2004; Jensen and Richter, 2004; Barham and Rowberry, 2013; Huang and Zhang, 2021; Miglino et al., 2023)
- Evidence from **developed countries** (Snyder and Evans, 2006; Johnsen and Willén, 2022)

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## » Difference-in-Differences

The estimation equation is:

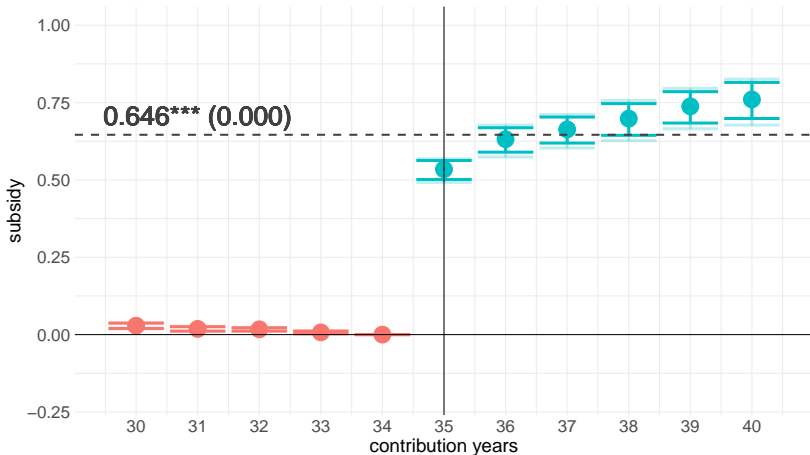
$$Y_i = \alpha + \theta D_i \times Above35_i + \delta_1 D_i + \beta X_i + \tau + \lambda + \epsilon_i \quad (1)$$

where:

- \*  $D_i$ :  $aep < 0.75$  (i.e. poorer);
- \*  $Above35_i$ : having more than 35 years of contribution.
- \*  $\theta$  captures the **intention-to-treatment effect**
- \*  $X_i$ : bio, economic and retirement pathway infos; ▶
- \*  $\tau$  is the contribution years fixed effect;
- \*  $\lambda$ : birth cohort fixed effects.
- \* Standard errors clustered by birth year (wild-bootstrap p-values in brackets)

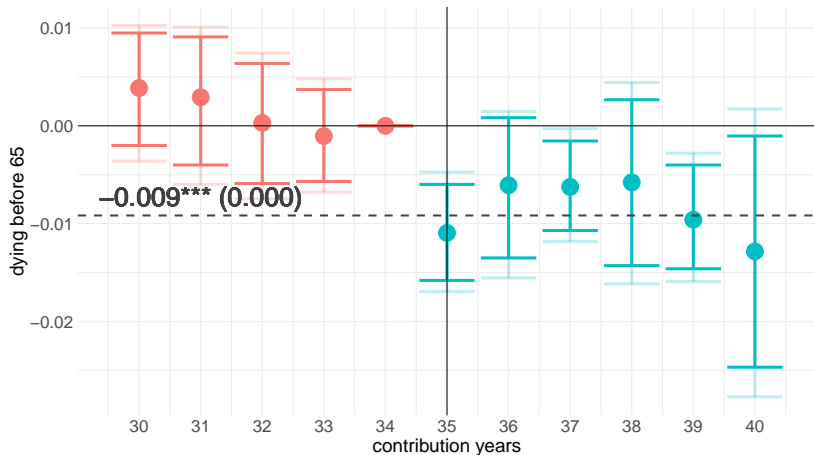
## » First stage: subsidy amount

Mean pension income: 7.53 (100€/month)



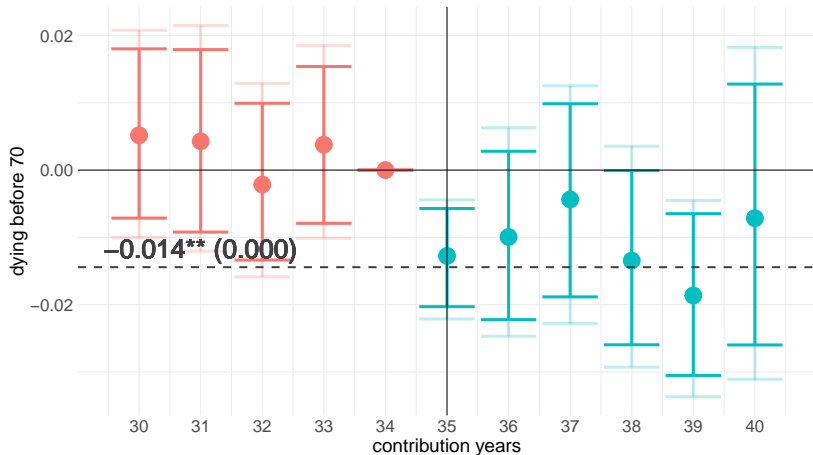
## » Effect on probability of dying before 65

Mean: 0.051



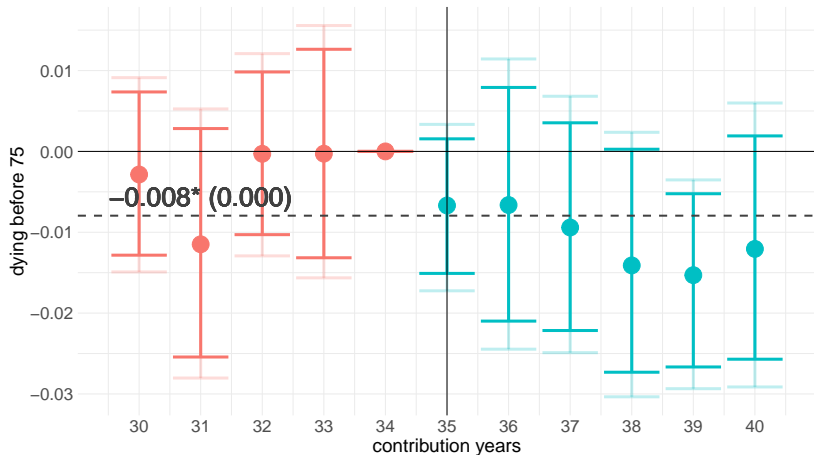
## » Effect on probability of dying before 70

Mean: 0.257



## » Effect on probability of dying before 75

Mean: 0.519



## » Robustness and Placebos

Robustness checks include:

- ↔ variation of 1932-1942 cohorts restriction; ▶
- ↔ variation of 0.45-1.05  $aep_i$  (income) restriction; ▶
- ↔ exclude retirees at exactly 35 contribution years; ▶
- ↔ finer time bins (semesters instead of years); ▶
- ↔ placebo sample of 1922-1931 cohorts; ▶
- ↔ placebo cutoffs for  $aep_i$ . ▶

▶ DiD Baseline

▶ DiD Robust

▶ Heterogeneity

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## » Discussion: gender differences

We find men benefit from having more pension income, while women are not affected.

- \* Marital status/having children ▶
- \* Two proxies for indeed poor families
  - \* a higher share of pension income in household income ▶
  - \* the household has no assets ▶
- \* Men with 35 years of contributions are more likely to be less healthy. ▶

## » Conclusion

Impact of German **old-age pension subsidy** on mortality and health.

No evidence of eligibility impacting **retirement choices**.

Additional pension income **reduces mortality**.

**Live longer**: An increase of **100€/month** pension income implies at least **4 more months** of expected life.

**Healthier**: Positive effects on **mental and physical health**.

Thank you for the attention!

Questions?

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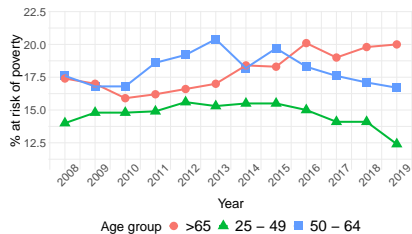
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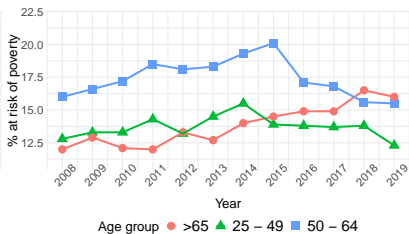
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## » Share of population at risk of poverty by gender



(a) Females



(b) Males

Source: EU-SILC

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## » Subsidy schedule

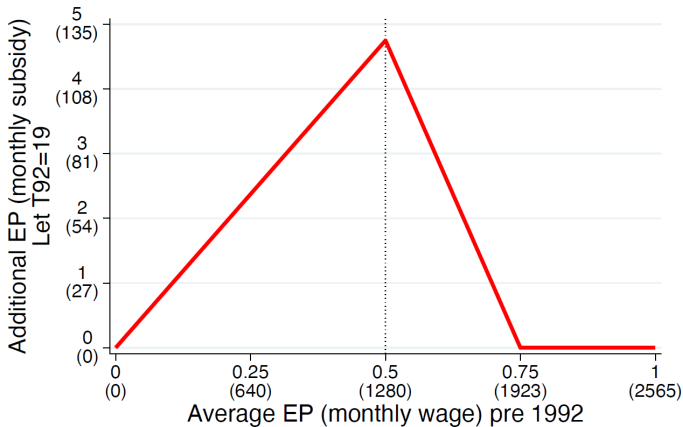


Figure 1: Subsidy amount (hundreds) and  $aep^{92}$ . Source: ?.



## » Computation of pension income

Pension income is computed as:

$$PB_{it} = \left( \sum_{\tau} EP_{i\tau} + \textit{Subsidy}_i \right) \times PV_t, \quad (3)$$

where  $EP_{i\tau} = \frac{\omega_{i\tau}}{\bar{\omega}_{\tau}}$

where:

- ↪  $EP_{i\tau}$ : accumulated earnings points in contribution period  $\tau$ ;
- ↪  $PV_t$ : aggregate monthly average pension value in year  $t$ ;
- ↪  $\omega_{i\tau}$  wage of  $i$  in  $\tau$ ;
- ↪  $\bar{\omega}_{\tau}$  German average wage in  $\tau$ .



## » Information revelation

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### Pension information of Mr. Test

Rentenauskunft - kein Rentenbescheid

Sehr geehrter Herr TEST,

mit dieser Auskunft unterrichten wir Sie

- über die Höhe einer Rente wegen voller Erwerbsminderung
- über die Höhe der Regelaltersrente
- inwiefern die Voraussetzungen für verschiedene Rentenleistungen erfüllt sind
- über die gespeicherten rentenrechtlichen Zeiten (siehe Anlage "Versicherungsverlauf")
- über die persönlichen Entgeltpunkte (siehe Anlage "Berechnung der persönlichen Entgeltpunkte") nach jetzigem Stand.

Die Rente wegen voller Erwerbsminderung würde 1.031,32 EUR monatlich betragen, wenn von einem am 27.10.2016 eingetretenen Leistungsfall ausgegangen würde.

Hierbei ist zusätzlich die Zeit bis zur Vollendung des 62. Lebensjahres berücksichtigt worden (Zurechnungszeit).

Die Rente wegen teilweiser Erwerbsminderung würde die Hälfte des errechneten Betrages ergeben.

Wir haben nicht geprüft, ob eine Erwerbsminderung vorliegt.

Die Regelaltersrente, die ab 01.02.2024 gezahlt werden kann, würde 1.326,35 EUR monatlich betragen, wenn der Berechnung ausschließlich die bisher gespeicherten rentenrechtlichen Zeiten sowie der derzeit geltende aktuelle Rentenwert zugrunde gelegt werden.

Die Berechnung der Monatsrente ergibt sich aus der Anlage "Berechnung der Rente".

Zukünftige Anpassungen

Aufgrund zukünftiger Rentenanpassungen kann die errechnete Rente in Höhe von 1.326,35 EUR tatsächlich höher ausfallen. Allerdings können auch wir die Entwicklung nicht vorhersehen. Deshalb haben wir - ohne Berücksichtigung des Kaufkraftverlustes - zwei mögliche Varianten für Sie gerechnet. Beträgt der jährliche Anpassungssatz 1 Prozent, so ergäbe sich eine monatliche Rente von etwa 1.420 EUR. Bei einem jährlichen Anpassungssatz von 2 Prozent ergäbe sich eine monatliche Rente von etwa 1.520 EUR.

**Pension benefits at statutory retirement age if pension value increases by 1 % in the**

**Pension benefits at statutory retirement age**



## » Information revelation (cont.)



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Hinweise zur Rente, den Anspruchsvoraussetzungen und ob Sie diese bereits erfüllen oder noch erfüllen können, erfahren Sie in den einzelnen Abschnitten dieser Auskunft:

- A Rentenhöhe und Beiträge zur Kranken-/Pflegeversicherung
- B Rentenantragstellung und Rentenbeginn
- C Monate für die Wartezeit
- D Rente wegen Erwerbsminderung
- E Altersrenten
- F Regelaltersrente
- G Altersrente für schwerbehinderte Menschen
- H Altersrente für langjährig Versicherte
- I Altersrente für besonders langjährig Versicherte
- J Hinterbliebenenrenten
- K Hinweise zum Versicherungsverlauf
- L Private Altersvorsorge
- M Besteuerung der Alterssicherung
- N Auskunft und Beratung
- O Bestandteile der Rentenauskunft

**Some other information: months of waiting period, old age pension for long-term insured, taxation, etc.**

### A Rentenhöhe und Beiträge zur Kranken-/Pflegeversicherung

Die Rentenanwartschaft ist nach den aktuellen Bestimmungen errechnet worden. Minderungen des errechneten Betrages kommen insbesondere in Betracht, wenn Sie eine Unfallrente beziehen. Außerdem können Änderungen bei Wechsel der derzeitigen Staatsangehörigkeit eintreten oder wenn Sie in einen anderen Staat umziehen. Aus künftig wirksam werdenden neuen Rechtsvorschriften oder durch die Anwendung von Vorschriften des über- und zwischenstaatlichen Rechts können sich ebenfalls Abweichungen ergeben.

Die Rentenauskunft ist deshalb nicht rechtsverbindlich.







## » Subsidy program

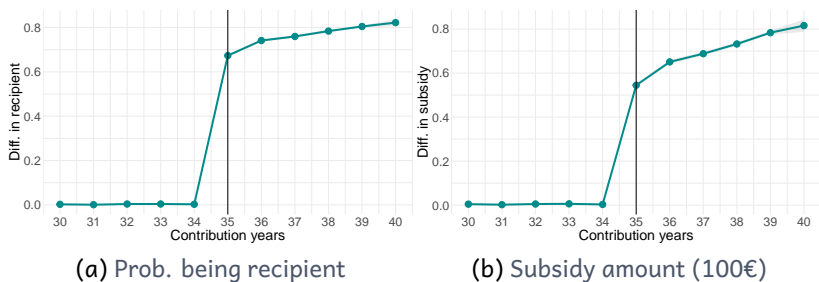


Figure 3: Difference in mean probability of being recipient and subsidy amount between  $aep_i < 0.75$  and  $aep_i > 0.75$  by number of contribution years. *Source: RTWF.*





## » Mortality outputs

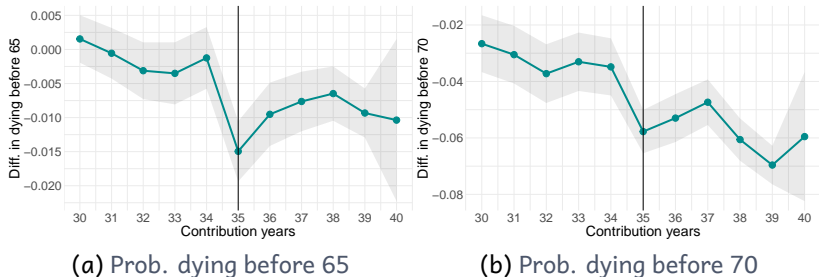


Figure 6: Difference in mean probability of dying before 65 and 70 between  $aep_i < 0.75$  and  $aep_i > 0.75$  by number of contribution years.  
Source: RTWF.

## » Threats to validity

Individuals might change their behaviour in order to receive the subsidy.

Subsidy size is determined by  $aep_i^{92}$ : cannot be influenced.

▷ Subsidy schedule

$aep_i$  might be influenced by accepting lower wages after 1992:

↔  $aep_i$  highly correlated with  $aep_i^{92}$ ;

↔ unlikely to be profitable;

↔ no evidence in data. ▷  $aep_i$  distribution

Contribution years might be increased by working longer.

↔ no evidence in data. ▷ C.Y. distribution

↔ if anything, eligible individuals anticipate retirement.

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## » Distribution of contribution years by aep (cont.)

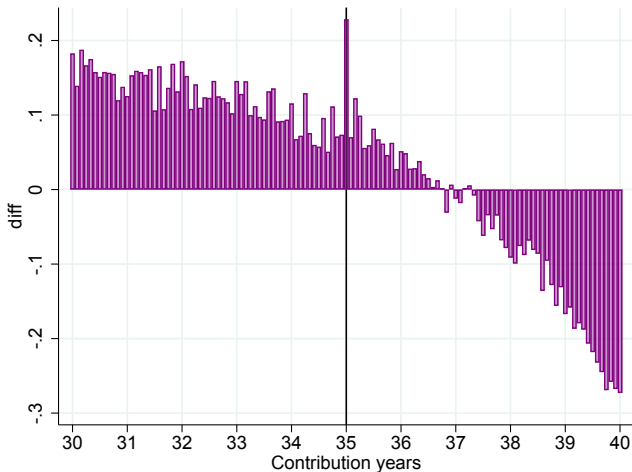


Figure 8: Difference in distribution of contribution years by  $aep_i$  below 0.75. Source: RTWF.







## » Summary statistics (RTWF)

	West Germans			1932-1942			Baseline		
	Mean	Std.Dev.	Obs	Mean	Std.Dev.	Obs	Mean	Std.Dev.	Obs
<i>Mortality</i>									
Dying before 65	0.054	0.226	4,442,649	0.053	0.225	2,612,036	0.051	0.220	401,932
Dying before 70	0.268	0.443	4,442,649	0.249	0.432	2,612,036	0.257	0.437	401,932
Dying before 75	0.505	0.500	4,442,649	0.512	0.500	2,612,036	0.519	0.500	401,932
<i>Biographical information</i>									
Birth year	1935.4	6.153	4,442,649	1936.4	2.968	2,612,036	1936.3	2.970	401,932
Male	0.578	0.494	4,442,649	0.609	0.488	2,612,036	0.378	0.485	401,932
Married	0.607	0.488	4,442,649	0.681	0.466	2,612,036	0.593	0.491	401,932
Number of children	0.903	1.402	4,442,649	0.827	1.349	2,612,036	1.387	1.574	401,932
Public HI	0.839	0.367	4,442,649	0.844	0.363	2,612,036	0.888	0.316	401,932
<i>Pension accumulation</i>									
Contribution years (C.Y.)	35.452	11.150	4,442,649	36.480	10.724	2,612,036	35.472	2.870	401,932
<i>aep<sub>i</sub></i>	0.912	0.322	4,439,960	0.944	0.319	2,610,792	0.745	0.165	401,932
<i>aep<sub>i</sub>&lt;0.75</i>	0.342	0.474	4,442,649	0.298	0.458	2,612,036	0.520	0.500	401,932
<i>C.Y.&gt;35</i>	0.636	0.481	4,442,649	0.691	0.462	2,612,036	0.663	0.473	401,932
<i>Pension income and subsidy</i>									
PI	9.674	5.845	4,442,832	10.367	5.774	2,612,035	7.526	2.684	401,932
PI w/o subsidy	9.529	5.896	4,442,510	10.223	5.844	2,612,035	7.281	2.636	401,932
Subsidy	0.145	0.474	4,442,510	0.143	0.458	2,612,035	0.245	0.502	401,932
Recipient	0.127	0.333	4,442,649	0.128	0.334	2,612,036	0.285	0.452	401,932
Treated	0.147	0.354	4,442,649	0.144	0.351	2,612,036	0.324	0.468	401,932
<i>Pension pathway</i>									
Disability pension	0.126	0.332	4,442,649	0.143	0.350	2,612,036	0.133	0.340	401,932
Unemp. pension	0.121	0.327	4,442,649	0.173	0.378	2,612,036	0.076	0.266	401,932
Women pension	0.093	0.290	4,442,649	0.128	0.335	2,612,036	0.234	0.423	401,932
<i>Retirement</i>									
Age at claiming pension	63.861	3.078	4,442,548	63.113	2.544	2,612,035	63.102	2.382	401,932



## » Data: SHARE-RV

Survey on Health, Ageing and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).

Linked with active records from German pension insurance (SHARE-RV).

Individuals are *alive*.

Adds information on health, SES, financial constraints, attitudes towards the future.

Baseline sample (2,328 observations)

- ↔ West Germany residents with German nationality;
- ↔ perceiving old-age pension;
- ↔ born after 1932;
- ↔ 0.25 - 1.25 *aep<sub>i</sub>*;
- ↔ 10 - 60 contribution years.

## » Treatment and control group

	Baseline		Treatment		Control	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
<i>Mortality</i>						
Dying before 65	0.051	0.220	0.057	0.232	0.048	0.214
Dying before 70	0.257	0.437	0.240	0.427	0.265	0.441
Dying before 75	0.519	0.500	0.494	0.500	0.532	0.499
<i>Biographical information</i>						
Birth year	1936.27	2.97	1936.25	2.99	1936.28	2.96
Male	0.378	0.485	0.203	0.403	0.462	0.499
Married	0.593	0.491	0.591	0.492	0.594	0.491
Number of children	1.387	1.574	1.802	1.567	1.188	1.539
Public HI	0.888	0.316	0.899	0.301	0.882	0.323
Obs.	401,932	401,932	130,362	130,362	271,570	271,570





## » Controls


	Baseline		Treatment		Control	
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
<i>Biographical information</i>						
Birth year	1936.27	2.98	1936.25	2.99	1936.28	2.96
Male	0.378	0.485	0.203	0.403	0.462	0.499
Married	0.593	0.491	0.591	0.492	0.594	0.491
Number of children	1.387	1.574	1.802	1.567	1.188	1.539
Without HI	0.035	0.184	0.028	0.166	0.038	0.192
Private HI	0.078	0.267	0.073	0.260	0.080	0.271
Public HI	0.888	0.316	0.899	0.301	0.882	0.323
<i>Pension accumulation</i>						
C.Y.	35.472	2.870	37.035	1.511	34.722	3.059
$aep_i < 0.75$	0.520	0.500	1.000	0.000	0.290	0.454
C.Y. > 35	0.663	0.473	1.000	0.000	0.502	0.500
PI w/o subsidy	7.281	2.636	6.319	1.747	7.743	2.857
<i>Pension pathway</i>						
Disability pension	0.133	0.340	0.172	0.377	0.115	0.319
Unemp. pension	0.076	0.266	0.049	0.215	0.090	0.286
Women pension	0.234	0.423	0.327	0.469	0.189	0.391
Obs.	401,932	401,932	130,362	130,362	271,570	271,570

## » Difference-in-Difference

The estimation equation is:

$$Y_{ieg} = \delta_0 + \theta D_e \times Above35_g + \delta_1 D_e + \delta_3 X_{ieg} + \tau + \lambda + \varepsilon_{ieg} \quad (4)$$

where:


- ↔  $Y_{ieg}$ : outcome of interest for individual  $i$ ;
- ↔  $D_e$ : indicator for  $aep < 0.75$ ;
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## » Baseline estimates (DiD)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	Mean
<i>First stage</i>					
Recipient	0.755*** [0.000]	0.754*** [0.000]	0.731*** [0.000]	0.730*** [0.000]	0.285
Subsidy	0.686*** [0.000]	0.686*** [0.000]	0.658*** [0.000]	0.646*** [0.000]	0.245
Pension income	-0.140 [0.137]	-0.141 [0.136]	0.011 [0.874]	0.646*** [0.000]	7.526
<i>Impact on mortality</i>					
Dying before 65	-0.008*** [0.001]	-0.009*** [0.001]	-0.009*** [0.001]	-0.009*** [0.000]	0.051
Dying before 70	-0.026*** [0.001]	-0.029*** [0.000]	-0.016** [0.002]	-0.014** [0.004]	0.257
Dying before 75	-0.022** [0.029]	-0.029*** [0.001]	-0.011** [0.020]	-0.008* [0.088]	0.519
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>					
Age at claiming pension	-0.267*** [0.001]	-0.253*** [0.001]	0.024 [0.187]	0.010 [0.547]	63.102
Obs	401,932	401,932	401,932	401,932	401,932
C.Y. FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Cohort FE		✓	✓	✓	-
Controls			✓	✓	-
Income w/o subsidy				✓	-

Bootstrapped p-values in brackets. \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.





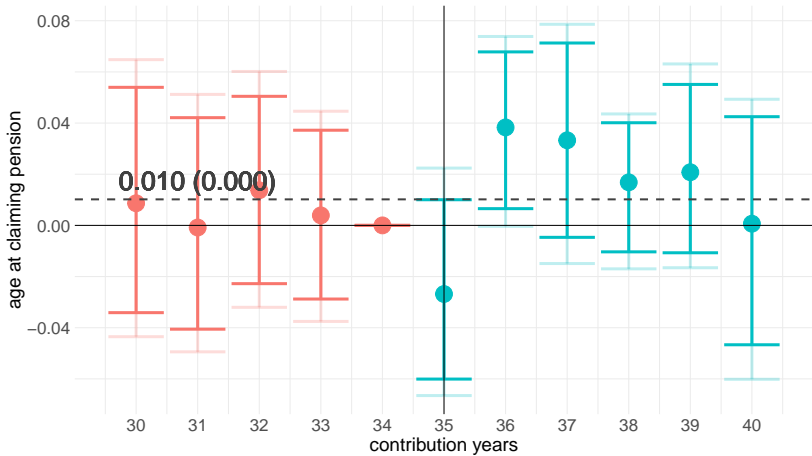
## » Effects of eligibility (DID)

	1932-1942			1932-1948		
	0.45 - 1.05	0.45 - 1.05	0.6 - 0.9	0.45 - 1.05	0.45 - 1.05	0.6 - 0.9
<i>aep<sub>i</sub></i>						
35 c.y.	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<i>First stage</i>						
Recipient	0.730*** [0.000]	0.741*** [0.000]	0.667*** [0.000]	0.722*** [0.000]	0.732*** [0.000]	0.653*** [0.000]
Subsidy	0.646*** [0.000]	0.660*** [0.000]	0.354*** [0.000]	0.610*** [0.000]	0.622*** [0.000]	0.338*** [0.000]
<i>Impact on mortality</i>						
Dying before 65	-0.009*** [0.000]	-0.008*** [0.001]	-0.006*** [0.001]	-0.009*** [0.001]	-0.008*** [0.001]	-0.006*** [0.001]
Dying before 70	-0.014** [0.004]	-0.014** [0.007]	-0.013** [0.010]	-0.011** [0.011]	-0.011** [0.015]	-0.009** [0.043]
Dying before 75	-0.008* [0.088]	-0.007 [0.102]	-0.005 [0.355]	-0.008** [0.045]	-0.008* [0.054]	-0.005 [0.277]
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>						
Age at claiming pension	0.010 [0.547]	0.016 [0.451]	-0.001 [0.875]	0.009 [0.535]	0.014 [0.440]	-0.001 [0.947]
Obs	401,932	387,027	216,320	464,444	447,740	250,294
C.Y. FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cohort FE	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Bootstrapped p-values clustered by birth cohorts in brackets. \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Event study: age at claiming pension

Figure 11: Effect on age at claiming pension. *Source: RTWF.*

## » Event study: subsidy amount

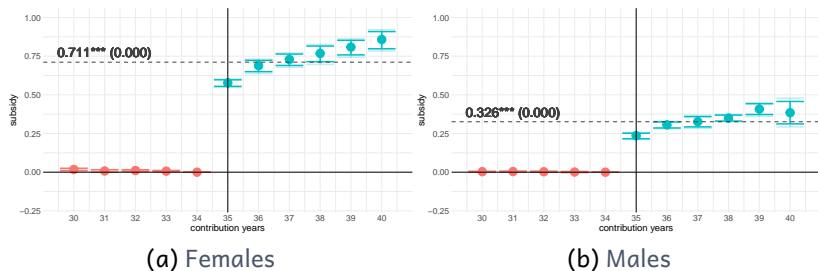






Figure 12: Effects of eligibility on subsidy amount (in hundred euro) by gender. *Source: RTWF.*

## » Heterogeneity

DiD heterogeneity analysis by:

- ↔ gender: stronger effects for men; 
- ↔ marital status: no strong difference; 
- ↔ children (women only): no strong difference; 
- ↔ disability pension: stronger effects for claimants. 

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## » Heterogeneity: gender

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)
<i>First stage</i>			
Recipient	0.730*** (0.008) [0.000]	0.754*** (0.006) [0.000]	0.499*** (0.006) [0.000]
Subsidy	0.646*** (0.021) [0.000]	0.711*** (0.019) [0.000]	0.326*** (0.011) [0.000]
<i>Impact on mortality</i>			
Dying before 65	-0.009*** (0.001) [0.000]	-0.004** (0.002) [0.038]	-0.004 (0.002) [0.103]
Dying before 70	-0.014** (0.004) [0.004]	-0.004 (0.004) [0.249]	-0.021** (0.007) [0.014]
Dying before 75	-0.008* (0.004) [0.088]	-0.001 (0.006) [0.876]	-0.014** (0.005) [0.034]
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>			
Age at claiming pension	0.010 (0.015) [0.547]	-0.001 (0.016) [0.958]	-0.039** (0.015) [0.033]
Obs	401,932	249,822	152,110
C.Y. and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓

Standard errors clustered by birth cohorts in parenthesis.

Bootstrapped p-values in brackets.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Heterogeneity: Women by marital status

	Baseline (1)	Married (2)	Not married (3)
<i>First stage</i>			
Recipient	0.754*** [0.000]	0.727*** [0.000]	0.798*** [0.000]
Subsidy	0.711*** [0.000]	0.696*** [0.000]	0.690*** [0.000]
<i>Impact on mortality</i>			
Dying before 65	-0.004** [0.038]	-0.004** [0.040]	-0.004 [0.189]
Dying before 70	-0.004 [0.249]	-0.008** [0.015]	0.000 [0.998]
Dying before 75	-0.001 [0.876]	-0.003 [0.660]	0.005 [0.617]
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>			
Age claim current	-0.001 [0.958]	0.026 [0.278]	-0.026 [0.145]
Obs	249,822	145,287	87,310
C.Y. and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓

Bootstrapped p-values clustered by birth cohorts in brackets.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Heterogeneity: Women by children

	Baseline (1)	Children (2)	No children (3)
<i>First stage</i>			
Recipient	0.754*** [0.000]	0.737*** [0.000]	0.825*** [0.000]
Subsidy	0.711*** [0.000]	0.699*** [0.000]	0.791*** [0.000]
<i>Impact on mortality</i>			
Dying before 65	-0.004** [0.038]	-0.004* [0.079]	-0.004 [0.503]
Dying before 70	-0.004 [0.249]	-0.005 [0.232]	0.001 [0.884]
Dying before 75	-0.001 [0.876]	-0.001 [0.919]	-0.004 [0.839]
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>			
Age claim current	-0.001 [0.958]	0.006 [0.774]	0.001 [0.977]
Obs	249,822	215,577	34,245
C.Y. and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓

Bootstrapped p-values clustered by birth cohorts in brackets.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Heterogeneity: disability pension

	Baseline (1)	Disability (2)	No disab. (3)
<i>First stage</i>			
Recipient	0.730*** [0.000]	0.648*** [0.000]	0.737*** [0.000]
Subsidy	0.646*** [0.000]	0.509*** [0.000]	0.662*** [0.000]
<i>Impact on mortality</i>			
Dying before 65	-0.009*** [0.000]	-0.025 [0.200]	-0.004** [0.004]
Dying before 70	-0.014** [0.004]	-0.056** [0.003]	-0.013** [0.003]
Dying before 75	-0.008* [0.088]	-0.007 [0.570]	-0.010** [0.046]
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>			
Age claim current	0.010 [0.547]	0.002 [0.964]	-0.015 [0.347]
Obs	401,932	53,507	348,425
C.Y. and coh. FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓

Standard errors clustered by birth cohorts in parenthesis.

Bootstrapped p-values in brackets.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Heterogeneity: unemployment pension

	Baseline (1)	Unemp (2)	No unemp (3)
<i>First stage</i>			
Recipient	0.730*** [0.000]	0.803*** [0.000]	0.723*** [0.000]
Subsidy	0.646*** [0.000]	0.629*** [0.000]	0.644*** [0.000]
<i>Impact on mortality</i>			
Dying before 65	-0.009*** [0.000]	0.006 [0.434]	-0.010*** [0.000]
Dying before 70	-0.014** [0.004]	-0.011 [0.356]	-0.015** [0.004]
Dying before 75	-0.008* [0.088]	-0.007 [0.433]	-0.008* [0.096]
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>			
Age claim current	0.010 [0.547]	0.045 [0.223]	-0.007 [0.655]
Obs	401,932	30,680	371,252
C.Y. and coh. FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓

Bootstrapped p-values clustered by birth cohorts in brackets.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.

## » Robustness: 1932-1948 sample

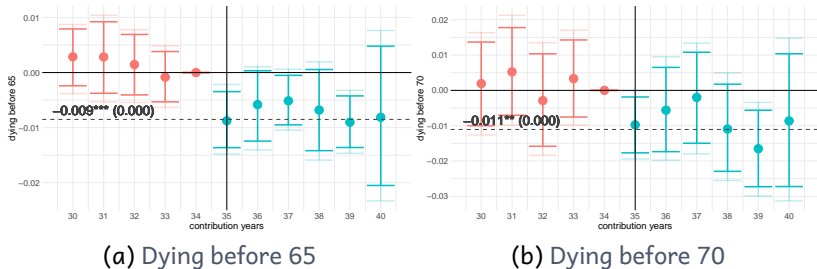
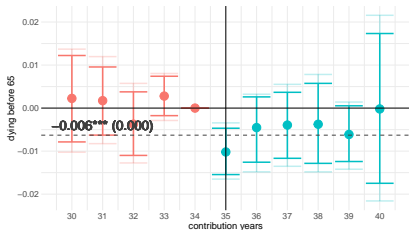
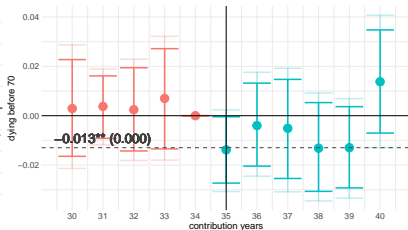


Figure 13: Event study results for the 1932-1948 sample. *Source: RTWF.*

## » Robustness: 0.6-0.9 $aep$ sample



(a) Dying before 65



(b) Dying before 70

Figure 14: Event study results for the 0.6-0.9  $aep_i$  sample. Source: RTWF.

## » Robustness: exclude retirees at 420 months

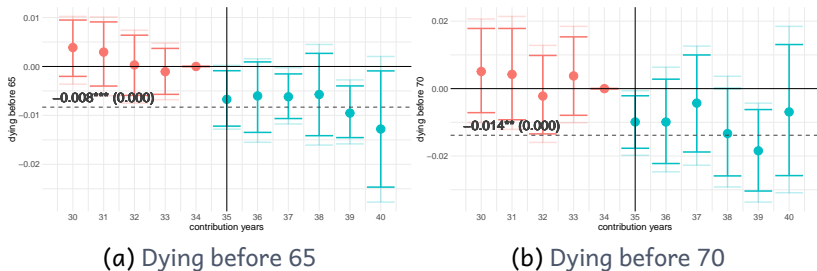


Figure 15: Event study results for the baseline sample, excluding retirees at exactly 35 years of contribution (420 months). *Source: RTWF.*















## » Placebo: $aep$ 0.8-1.25 sample

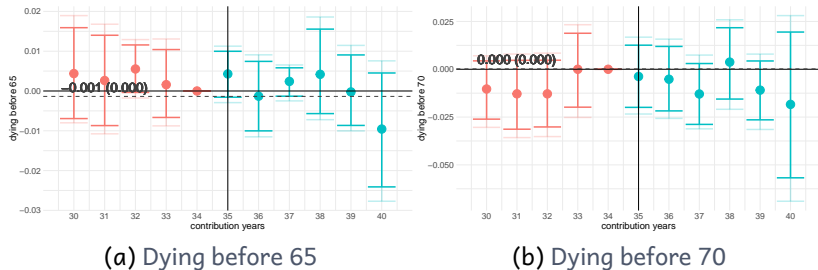


Figure 22: Event study results for the  $aep_i$  0.8-1.25 placebo sample. Placebo cutoff at  $aep_i = 1$ . Source: RTWF.

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## » Placebo: $aep$ above 0.8 sample

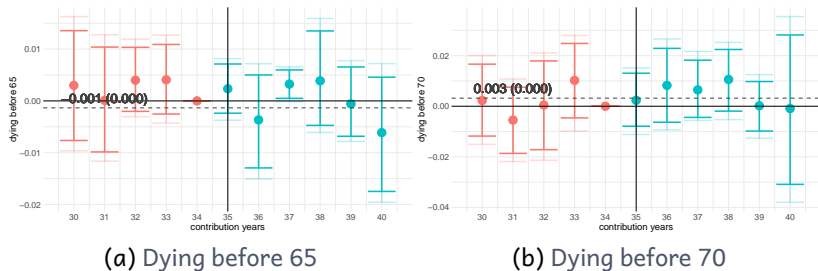


Figure 23: Event study results for the  $aep_i > 0.8$  placebo sample. Placebo cutoff at median  $aep_i$ . Source: RTWF.

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## » IV: effects on mortality and labour supply

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)	Mean (4)
<b>First stage</b>				
Pension income (instr.=eligible)	0.646*** (0.021)	0.711*** (0.019)	0.326*** (0.011)	7.526
<b>IV</b>				
<i>Impact on mortality</i>				
Dying before 65	-0.012*** [0.001]	-0.005* [0.050]	-0.012* [0.071]	0.055
Dying before 70	-0.021** [0.003]	-0.007 [0.187]	-0.060** [0.012]	0.319
Dying before 75	-0.013** [0.046]	-0.003 [0.693]	-0.039** [0.028]	0.601
<i>Impact on labour supply</i>				
Age at claiming pension	0.030 [0.373]	0.007 [0.823]	-0.038 [0.375]	63.682
First stage F-stat	905.920	1335.960	886.470	-
Obs	401,790	249,752	152,038	-
C.Y. and coh. FE	✓	✓	✓	-
Controls	✓	✓	✓	-
Age at claiming pension	✓	✓	✓	-

Standard errors clustered by parenthesis. Bootstrapped p-value in brackets.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.







## » Mechanism: effects on health outcomes

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)
<b>First stage</b>			
Pension income (instr.=eligible)	0.437*** (0.036)	0.435*** (0.043)	0.587*** (0.075)
<b>IV</b>			
CASP	0.450** (0.220)	-0.146 (0.262)	1.198** (0.415)
Self-perceived health	0.254 (0.227)	-0.478* (0.272)	1.619*** (0.457)
Depression	-0.284 (0.219)	0.425 (0.279)	-0.648* (0.335)
Chronic diseases	-0.421* (0.222)	0.175 (0.251)	-1.773*** (0.522)
First stage F-stat	142.765	97.504	62.025
Obs	2,328	1,365	963
C.Y and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Retirement age	✓	✓	✓

SHARE-RV baseline sample.

Coefficients in standard deviations from the mean.

Robust standard errors in parenthesis.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.

## » Other health outcomes

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)
<b>First stage</b>			
Pension income (instr.=eligible)	0.437*** (0.036)	0.435*** (0.043)	0.587*** (0.075)
<b>IV</b>			
Has chronic lung disease	-0.203** (0.064)	-0.107 (0.072)	-0.533*** (0.155)
Has cataracts	-0.203** (0.078)	-0.129 (0.098)	-0.244** (0.111)
Has high blood pressure	-0.118 (0.116)	0.173 (0.145)	-0.878*** (0.220)
First stage F-stat	142.765	97.504	62.025
Obs	2,328	1,365	963
C.Y and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Retirement age	✓	✓	✓

SHARE-RV baseline sample. Robust standard errors in parenthesis.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Placebo health outcomes

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)
<b>First stage</b>			
Pension income (instr.=eligible)	0.437*** (0.036)	0.435*** (0.043)	0.587*** (0.075)
<b>IV</b>			
Has cancer	0.038 (0.065)	-0.026 (0.079)	0.041 (0.112)
Has diabetes	0.047 (0.089)	0.145 (0.100)	-0.201 (0.175)
Has arthritis	0.008 (0.092)	0.096 (0.123)	-0.196 (0.121)
Has hip femoral fracture	-0.008 (0.035)	-0.028 (0.036)	-0.141 (0.101)
First stage F-stat	142.765	97.504	62.025
Obs	2,328	1,365	963
C.Y and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Retirement age	✓	✓	✓

SHARE-RV baseline sample. Robust standard errors in parenthesis.  
 \*\*\*  $p < 0.01$ , \*\*  $p < 0.05$ , \*  $p < 0.1$ .



## » Mechanism: optimism and financial constraints

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)
<b>First stage</b>			
Pension income (instr.=eligible)	0.437*** (0.036)	0.435*** (0.043)	0.587*** (0.075)
<b>IV</b>			
Lack of money stops	-0.334 (0.233)	-0.225 (0.281)	-0.902** (0.440)
Feel full of opportunities	0.529** (0.228)	-0.087 (0.278)	1.285** (0.423)
Future looks good	0.466** (0.228)	0.121 (0.276)	0.880** (0.407)
First stage F-stat	142.765	97.504	62.025
Obs	2,328	1,365	963
C.Y. and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Retirement age	✓	✓	✓

SHARE-RV baseline sample.

Coefficients in standard deviations from the mean.

Robust standard errors in parenthesis.

\*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1.



## » Mechanism: other outcomes

	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)
<b>First stage</b>			
Pension income (instr.=eligible)	0.437*** (0.036)	0.435*** (0.043)	0.587*** (0.075)
<b>IV</b>			
Days/week alcohol last 6 months (sd from mean)	-0.230 (0.277)	-0.247 (0.334)	-0.968** (0.475)
Prob (smoking)	-0.341** (0.112)	-0.251* (0.138)	-0.221 (0.186)
Prob (Ever smoked daily)	-0.147 (0.109)	-0.110 (0.132)	-0.019 (0.187)
Difficulties with ADLs (sd from mean)	-0.143 (0.242)	0.544* (0.301)	-1.034** (0.401)
Difficulties with IADLs (sd from mean)	-0.443** (0.205)	0.031 (0.214)	-0.526 (0.346)
Obs	2,328	1,365	963
C.Y. and cohort FE	✓	✓	✓
Controls	✓	✓	✓
Retirement age	✓	✓	✓

SHARE-RV baseline sample.  
Coefficients in standard deviations from the mean.  
Robust standard errors in parenthesis.  
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# » Gender difference: share of pension income

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	Share of pension income over total household income					
	Above 50%			Below 50%		
	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)	All (4)	Women (5)	Men (6)
<b>Panel A: First stage</b>						
Pension income (100€)	0.736*** (0.108)	0.854*** (0.119)	0.493*** (0.170)	0.243*** (0.059)	0.173** (0.074)	0.469*** (0.106)
<b>Panel B: IV</b>						
CASP	0.729* (0.372)	0.024 (0.374)	3.808** (1.744)	0.858 (0.701)	-0.319 (1.131)	2.289*** (0.855)
Self-reported health	0.056 (0.334)	-1.064*** (0.382)	1.735 (1.125)	0.980 (0.757)	-0.289 (1.241)	2.715*** (1.029)
Depression index	-0.813** (0.349)	0.128 (0.392)	-2.048* (1.165)	-1.125 (0.774)	0.842 (1.368)	-2.228*** (0.848)
Number of chronic diseases	-0.211 (0.376)	0.360 (0.414)	-1.073 (1.105)	-2.661*** (0.938)	-2.492 (1.596)	-2.478*** (0.901)
ADLA	-0.058 (0.520)	0.700 (0.618)	0.980 (0.711)	-0.248 (0.534)	0.081 (0.947)	-0.859 (0.615)
Stroke	-0.055 (0.070)	-0.021 (0.081)	-0.021 (0.103)	-0.004 (0.103)	-0.024 (0.201)	0.122 (0.085)
Chronical lung disease	-0.098 (0.110)	0.004 (0.119)	-0.145 (0.239)	-0.002 (0.149)	0.076 (0.270)	-0.315* (0.188)
Cataracts	-0.053 (0.112)	0.085 (0.126)	-0.423 (0.259)	-0.496* (0.256)	-0.882 (0.548)	-0.065 (0.189)
High blood pressure	-0.034 (0.169)	-0.015 (0.189)	0.986 (0.694)	-0.102 (0.349)	0.774 (0.690)	-1.150*** (0.418)
Low money stops	-0.408 (0.334)	-0.378 (0.380)	-0.022 (0.976)	-1.283* (0.732)	-1.765 (1.332)	-2.263** (0.885)
Life full of opportunities	1.144** (0.445)	0.721* (0.436)	2.062 (1.814)	0.635 (0.699)	-0.938 (1.156)	2.202** (0.899)
Future looks good	1.031*** (0.388)	0.475 (0.415)	3.656** (1.709)	0.506 (0.699)	-0.477 (1.224)	1.811** (0.868)
Observations	487	199	288	676	470	2062
First stage F-stat	42.2	41.4	7.4	15.7	5.0	15.9



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	Has assets			Doesn't have assets		
	All (1)	Women (2)	Men (3)	All (4)	Women (5)	Men (6)
<b>Panel A: First stage</b>						
Pension income (100€)	0.378*** (0.050)	0.359*** (0.060)	0.409*** (0.090)	0.500*** (0.054)	0.497*** (0.063)	0.643*** (0.126)
<b>Panel B: IV</b>						
CASP	0.684** (0.345)	-0.005 (0.422)	0.608 (0.692)	0.216 (0.296)	-0.495 (0.342)	1.405** (0.625)
Self-reported health	0.545 (0.354)	-0.696 (0.458)	2.277** (0.906)	0.167 (0.302)	-0.212 (0.337)	1.385** (0.635)
Depression index	-0.604* (0.336)	0.237 (0.447)	-1.098* (0.654)	-0.117 (0.305)	0.480 (0.364)	-0.902* (0.526)
Number of chronic diseases	-1.426*** (0.393)	-0.747* (0.452)	-3.248*** (1.003)	0.266 (0.273)	0.448 (0.315)	-0.994* (0.599)
Difficulties with ADLAs	-0.644* (0.352)	0.006 (0.439)	-1.955** (0.765)	0.216 (0.346)	0.661 (0.416)	-0.589 (0.558)
Had a stroke	-0.046 (0.054)	-0.028 (0.072)	0.058 (0.085)	0.038 (0.065)	0.021 (0.062)	0.384** (0.153)
Has chronic lung disease	-0.167** (0.085)	-0.140 (0.105)	-0.321 (0.220)	0.018 (0.077)	0.166* (0.088)	-0.586*** (0.207)
Has cataracts	-0.211* (0.120)	-0.079 (0.162)	-0.379* (0.217)	-0.171* (0.092)	-0.173 (0.112)	-0.166 (0.165)
Has high blood pressure	0.070 (0.170)	0.444* (0.231)	-1.194*** (0.418)	0.042 (0.146)	0.091 (0.177)	-0.602* (0.313)
Lack of money stops	-0.076 (0.358)	-0.057 (0.452)	0.256 (0.754)	-0.554* (0.287)	-0.330 (0.331)	-0.657 (0.579)
Feel full of opportunities	0.888** (0.355)	0.095 (0.430)	1.457* (0.770)	0.185 (0.305)	-0.355 (0.355)	1.646*** (0.624)
Future looks good	0.402 (0.335)	-0.046 (0.424)	0.812 (0.709)	0.421 (0.308)	0.021 (0.350)	1.333** (0.640)
Observations	1,259	720	539	1,069	645	424
First stage F-stat	56.6	36.2	20.8	87.1	63.0	26.02



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	Female	Male	Source
<b>Mortality measures</b>			
Age at death (censored)	72.49	72.31	RTWF
Dying before 65	0.06	0.06	RTWF
Dying before 70	0.22	0.24	RTWF
Dying before 75	0.47	0.50	RTWF
<b>Health measures</b>			
CASP	39.62	38.58	SHARE-RV
Self-reported health	1.88	1.53	SHARE-RV
Depression index	2.30	2.14	SHARE-RV
Number of chronic diseases	1.24	1.62	SHARE-RV
ADLA	0.12	0.22	SHARE-RV
<b>Feelings measures</b>			
Low money stops	1.09	1.14	SHARE-RV
Life full of opportunities	2.32	2.11	SHARE-RV
Future looks good	2.25	2.14	SHARE-RV
<b>Risky behaviours</b>			
Consumed alcohol (days/week)	3.41	4.12	SHARE-RV
Smoke currently	0.25	0.22	SHARE-RV
Ever smoked daily	0.45	0.65	SHARE-RV

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