

Female representation and talent allocation in entrepreneurship: the role of early exposure to entrepreneurs

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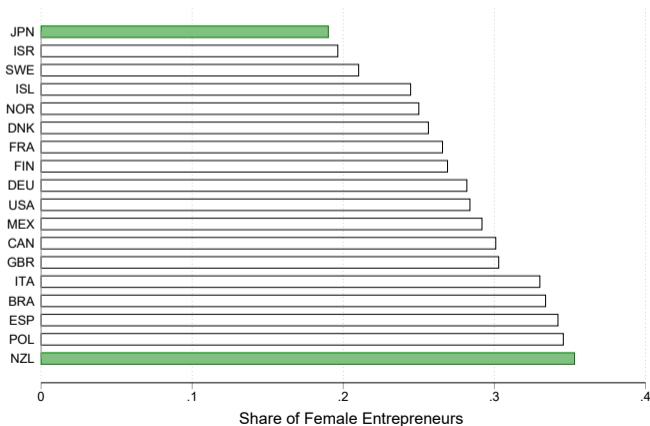
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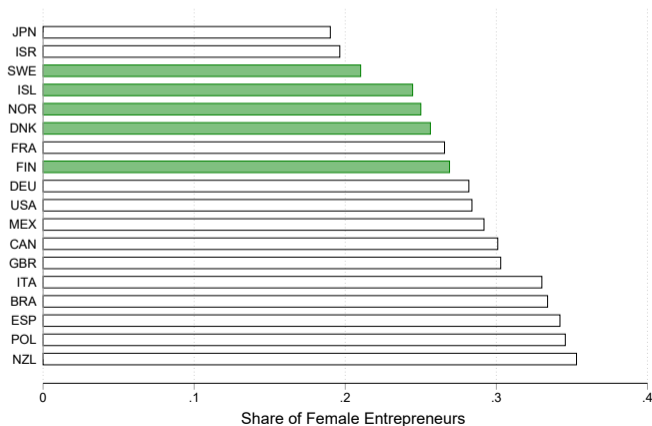
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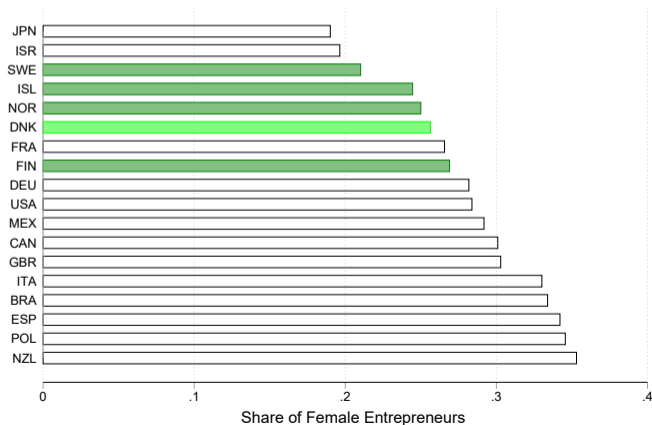
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 - ★ **Partially** shed light on **social impact** associated w/ reallocation of women to entrepr.

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- ▶ **Treat composition of parental occupation by cohort within-school as quasi-random**
 - Parents unlikely to be aware of cohort-to-cohort variation in the percentage of students with entrepreneurs parents within a particular school
 - **Balancing tests** show that cohort-to-cohort variation in the share of peers with entrepr. parents is uncorrelated with students background characteristics (Lavy and Schlosser 2011) ▶ Balancing tests

Empirical strategy and validity of interpretation

For each girls i (replicate for boys) attending school s in cohort c :

$$Y_{isc} = \beta_1 \text{Entrepr}_{-i,sc} + \beta_2 \text{Parent}_{isc} + \gamma_s + \gamma_m \times \gamma_c + \theta X_{isc} + \eta Z_{sc} + \epsilon_{isc} \quad \forall \text{ age} \in [18, 40]$$

- Y_{isc} : (i) indicator for ever being an entrepreneur; (ii) number of years spent in entrepreneurship
- $\text{Entrepr}_{-i,sc} = \frac{\sum_{k \neq i} \text{Entrepr}_{ksc}}{n_{sc} - 1}$; Share of peers with at least one entrepreneur parent (*leave-one-out*)
- Parent_{isc} is equal to 1 if individual i has an entrepreneur parent
- $\gamma_s, \gamma_c, \gamma_m$ are school, cohort, municipality FE.
- X_{isc} and Z_{isc} control for individual & peers / peers' parents characteristics → Isolate the effect of early exposure to entrepreneurs conditional on other parental characteristics

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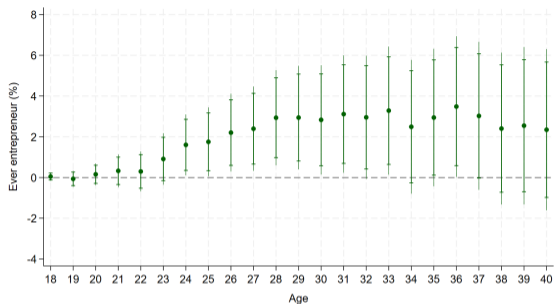
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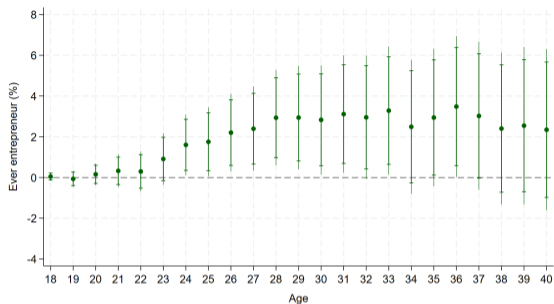
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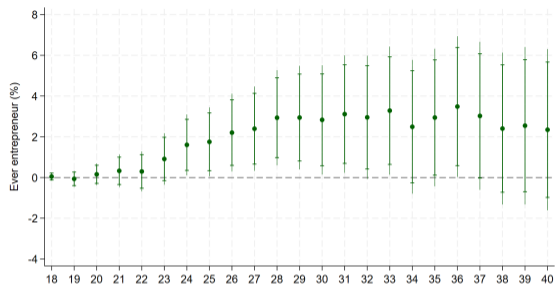
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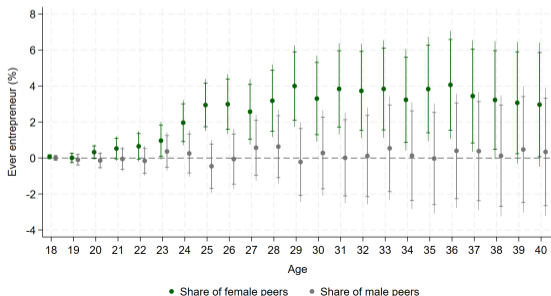


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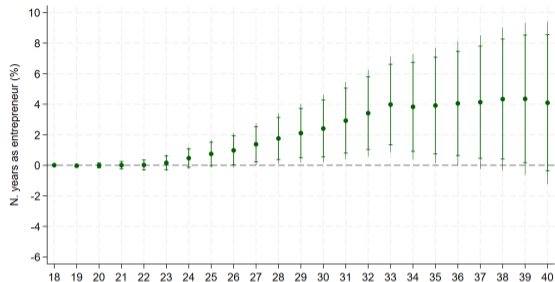


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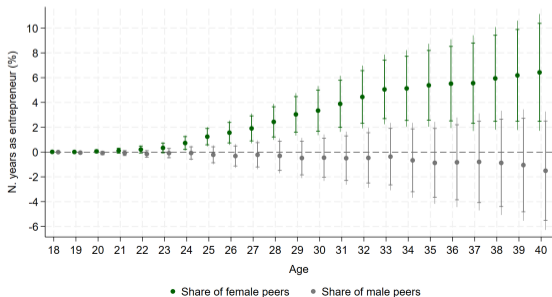
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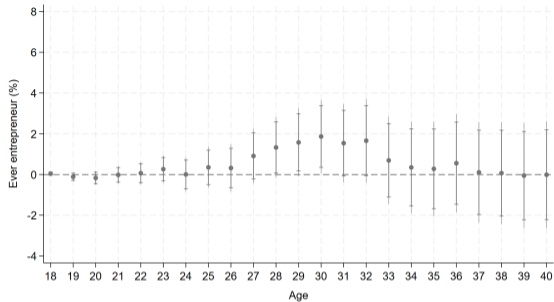
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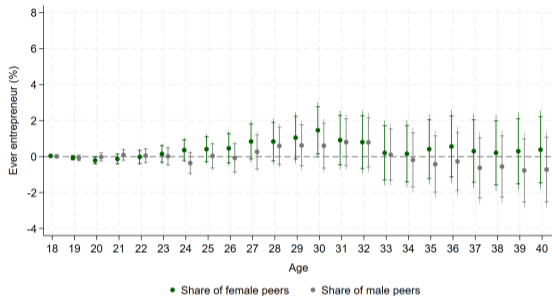
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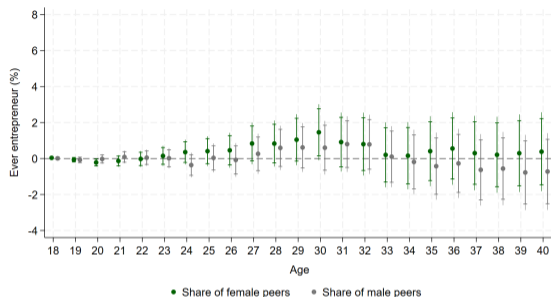
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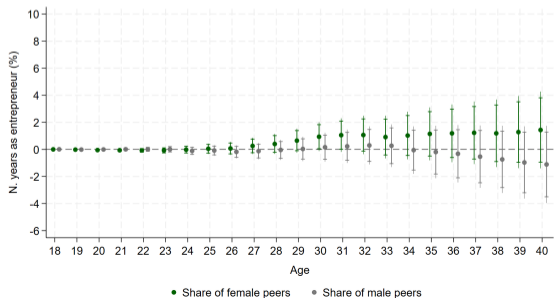
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(b) Number of years as entrepreneur

- * Insignificant effect on overall time in entrepr.
- * More results
- ▶ Aligns with boys' higher overall exposure
- ▶ And different structure and nature of friendship

(Schneeweis and Zweimuller, 2012; Fischer, 2017; Mouganie and Wang, 2020; Aguirre et al., 2021)

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→ What are women's **private returns** & what would they have been their **societal impact** ?
 2. Performance of firms associated with increase in female entrepreneurship
→ Are we tapping into more **entrepreneurial talent**?

1 How does exposure affect women's educational choices?

- Girls more likely to enrol and complete vocational education → path conducive to entrepreneurship

	Education decision after compulsory school		
	(1)	(2)	(3)
	Discontinued education	Upper secondary academic	Upper secondary vocational
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Three main takeaways on the effects of early exposure to entrepreneurs:

1. Promote female entrepreneurship

→ ↑ Entry & tenure of girls that would not have pursued the profession

2. Tap into more entrepreneurial talent

→ Leads to the creation of successful businesses and different types of jobs

3. Without reducing women's representation in other careers with high social return

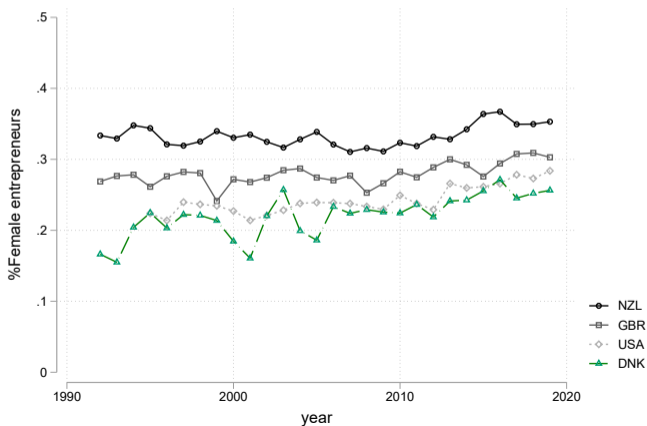
→ Efficient reallocation as women move away from low-pay jobs

Thank you!

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- Differently from other professions, not much progress over time [◀ Back](#)



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Men	0.056***						
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Men/Women	1.01***						
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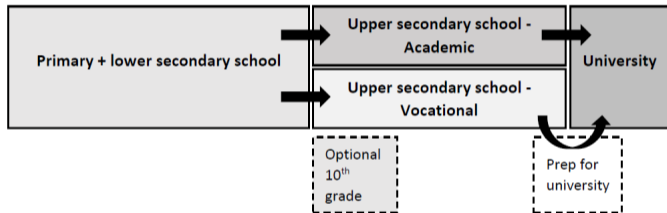
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Men	0.056*** (0.000)	0.068*** (0.000)	0.079*** (0.000)	0.071*** (0.000)	0.060*** (0.000)	0.052*** (0.000)	0.045*** (0.000)
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The Danish entrepreneurial scene

- Despite high wages and high taxes, Denmark is one of the major start-up hubs in Europe
- It is ranked 2nd in Europe and 4th country in the world for quality and health of the entrepreneurial ecosystem (Acs et al. 2019)
- Strong collaboration across Danish government, investors, startup communities and enterprise companies

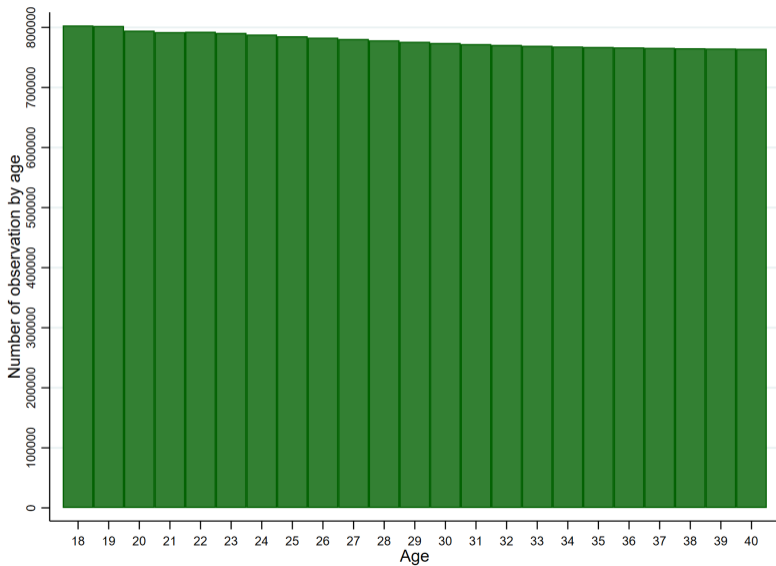
Educational setting in Denmark

Age	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Grade		7	8	9	10			
					HS1	HS2	HS3	Uni



- Children in Denmark attend 10 years of primary and lower secondary school (grade 0 to 9) in the same institution
- Hereafter they can either discontinue education or attend academic or vocational upper secondary school, and then university

Sample size by age

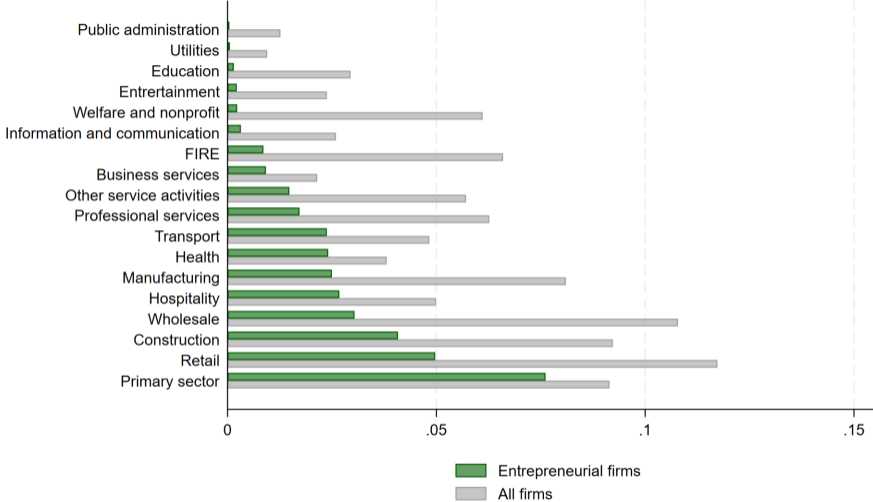


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Descriptive stats entrepreneurs

	<u>General Sample</u>	<u>Entrepreneurs</u>	<u>Male Entrepr.</u>	<u>Female Entrepr.</u>
<u>A. Individual Characteristics</u>				
Parent is entrepreneur	0.12	0.22	0.23	0.19
Discontinued edu after compulsory school	0.18	0.18	0.19	0.17
Completed sec. academic edu.	0.46	0.28	0.24	0.38
Completed sec. vocational edu.	0.47	0.62	0.64	0.57
Completed higher edu.	0.40	0.22	0.20	0.27
Age first entrepreneur		30.9	30.8	31.3
N of firms created		1.15	1.71	1.11
Ever created incorporated firm		0.17	0.18	0.14
<u>B. Firm Characteristics</u>				
N of employees		5.1	5.1	4.9
Survival		3.7	3.7	3.5
Tenure		2.1	2.2	2.1
Share of female employees		0.36	0.19	0.84
Share of part-time employees		0.2	0.18	0.25

Share of firms by firm type and industry



Top 20 4-digit industries for entrepr. firms

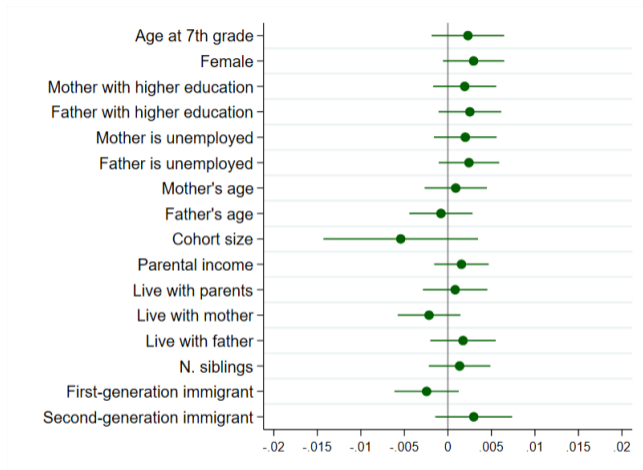
TOP 20 4-digit industries among entrepreneurial firms		
1	Restaurants	Restaurants
2	Raising of dairy cattle	Primary sector
3	Hairdressing	General service providers
4	Taxi operation	General service providers
5	General medical practice activity	Skilled professionals
6	Raising of swine/pigs	Primary sector
7	Growing of cereals	Primary sector
8	Joinery installation	Skilled craftsmen/construction
9	Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	General service providers
10	Freight transport by road	General service providers
11	General cleaning of buildings	General service providers
12	Retail sale of clothes	Retailers
13	Other specialised construction activities	Skilled craftsmen/construction
14	Retail sale of food, beverage and tobacco	Retailers
15	Dental practice activities	Skilled professionals
16	Painting and glazing	Skilled craftsmen/construction
17	Beverage service activities	Restaurants
18	Legal activities	Skilled professionals
19	Raising of other animals	Primary sector
20	Specialist medical practices activities	Skilled professionals

Raw and residual variation

	Mean	St.Dev
<i>A. Share of peers with at least one entrepreneur parent</i>		
Raw cohort variable	0.117	0.072
Residuals after removing school, cohort and municipality \times cohort FE	0.000	0.042
<i>B. Share of female peers with at least one entrepreneur parent</i>		
Raw cohort variable	0.116	0.088
Residuals after removing school, cohort and municipality \times cohort FE	0.000	0.061
<i>C. Share of male peers with at least one entrepreneur parent</i>		
Raw cohort variable	0.117	0.087
Residuals after removing school, cohort and municipality \times cohort FE	0.000	0.060

Notes. This table reports the raw and residual (net of school, cohort and municipality times cohort fixed effects) variation in the share of peers whose parents are entrepreneurs.

Balancing tests



Notes. Coefficients of separate regressions of each variable on the share of peers with parent entrepreneurs, including full set of FEs. All variables are standardized.

Correlated Characteristics

- Correlation with most characteristics is very low
- 1sd increase in the share of cohort peers with entrepreneur parents is correlated with different educational tracks, lower unemployment, and higher income
 ⇒ Controlling for these characteristics does not affect our results

	Share of parents							Average	
	(1) with secondary academic educ	(2) with secondary vocational educ	(3) with higher educ	(4) who are unemployed	(5) first-gen immigrants	(6) second-gen immigrants	(7) home owners	(8) parents' age	(9) parents' income (log)
Share of peers with parents entrepr	0.001 (0.001)	0.007*** (0.002)	0.007*** (0.001)	-0.006*** (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.000 (0.000)	0.011*** (0.002)	0.040** (0.017)	0.014*** (0.002)
Observations	17441	17441	17441	17441	8118	17441	17441	17441	17441
Mean dep. var	0.0333	0.555	0.112	0.110	0.0653	0.00214	0.753	40.82	12.53

Notes. Coefficients of separate regressions of each variable (which refers to the characteristics of parents) on the share of peers with parent entrepreneurs, all computed using leave-one-out approach and including full set of FEs. The dependent variable is standardized.

Ever entrepreneur by gender

	Ever entrepreneur			
	(1) by age 25	(2) by age 30	(3) by age 35	(4) by age 40
<i>A. Women</i>				
Share of peers with parent entrepreneur	0.004* (0.002)	0.006 (0.004)	0.007 (0.005)	0.003 (0.007)
Parents is entrepreneur	0.005*** (0.000)	0.011*** (0.001)	0.016*** (0.001)	0.021*** (0.001)
Observations	390770	386507	382862	330081
Mean dep. var	0.00474	0.0125	0.0206	0.0322
St.dev. share of peers	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716
<i>B. Men</i>				
Share of peers with parent entrepreneur	0.001 (0.004)	0.014** (0.007)	-0.001 (0.009)	-0.004 (0.011)
Parents is entrepreneur	0.013*** (0.001)	0.043*** (0.001)	0.062*** (0.002)	0.075*** (0.002)
Observations	407746	402146	396183	342964
Mean dep. var	0.0107	0.0347	0.0570	0.0822
St.dev. share of peers	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716

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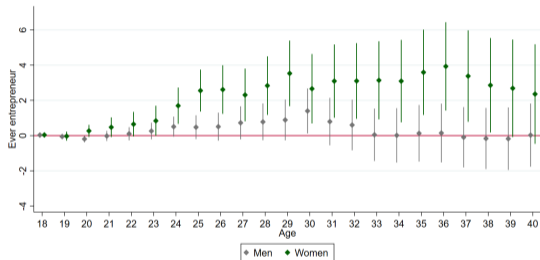
Number of years as entrepreneur by gender

	N. years as entrepreneur			
	(1) by age 25	(2) by age 30	(3) by age 35	(4) by age 40
<i>A. Women</i>				
Share of peers with parent entrepreneur	0.008 (0.006)	0.026* (0.014)	0.040* (0.024)	0.026 (0.039)
Parents is entrepreneur	0.008*** (0.001)	0.032*** (0.003)	0.065*** (0.004)	0.111*** (0.007)
Observations	390770	386507	382862	330081
Mean dep. var	0.00911	0.0346	0.0733	0.136
St.dev. share of peers	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716
<i>B. Men</i>				
Share of peers with parent entrepreneur	-0.002 (0.008)	0.029 (0.022)	0.023 (0.041)	0.009 (0.068)
Parents is entrepreneur	0.030*** (0.002)	0.146*** (0.005)	0.333*** (0.010)	0.551*** (0.016)
Observations	407746	402146	396183	342964
Mean dep. var	0.0202	0.0940	0.214	0.390
St.dev. share of peers	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716	0.0716

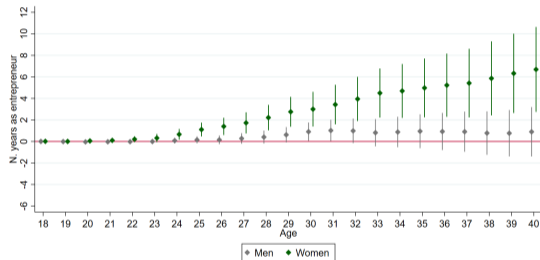
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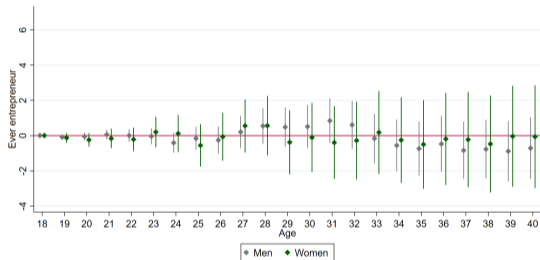


- Effects on girls significantly larger than those for boys

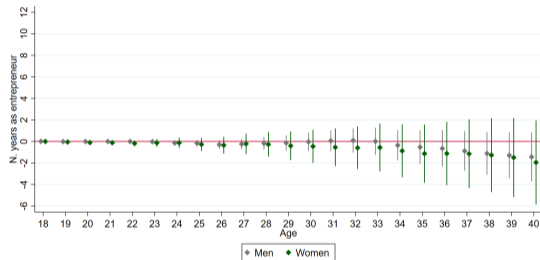
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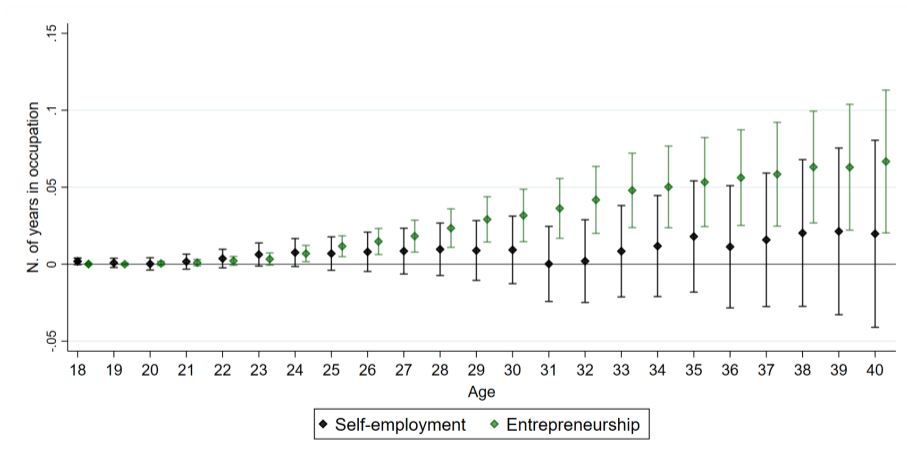


- Both girls and boys are not affected by male peers

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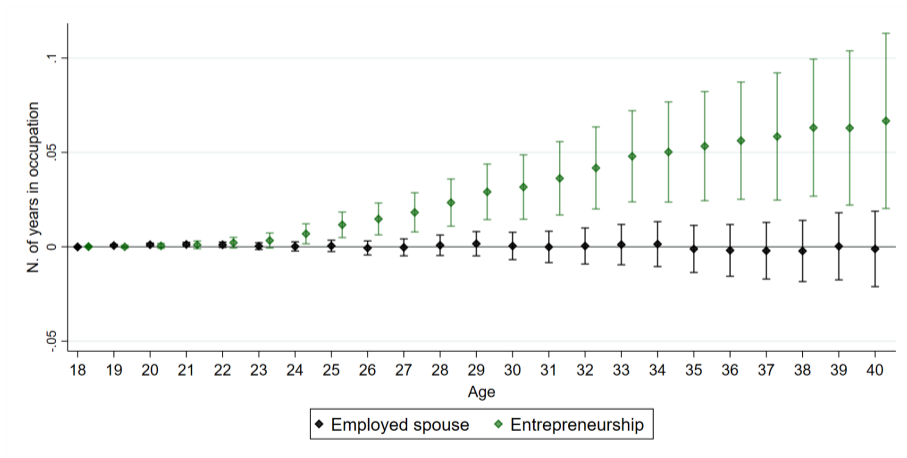
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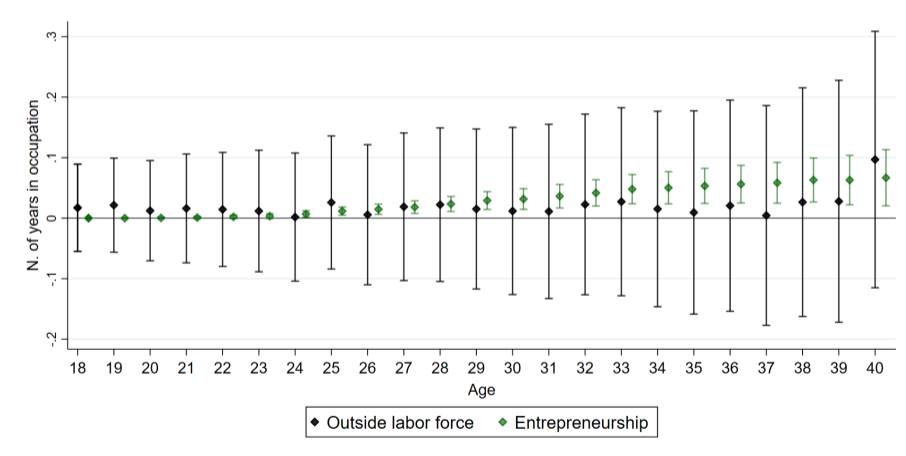
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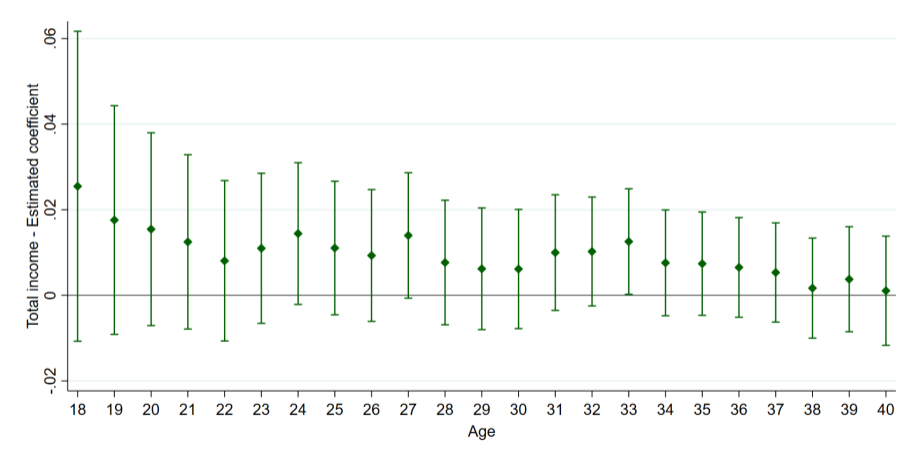
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- In line with previous results, women are not worst-off in terms of total income



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	(1) Have children	(2) N. children	(3) N. children (cond.)	(4) Age at first child	(5) Ever married
% F peers with parent entrepreneur	-0.008 (0.009)	-0.006 (0.026)	0.014 (0.022)	-0.045 (0.138)	-0.001 (0.011)
% M peers with parent entrepreneur	0.014 (0.009)	0.031 (0.028)	-0.000 (0.023)	0.075 (0.135)	0.036*** (0.012)
Parent is entrepreneur	0.009*** (0.002)	0.036*** (0.005)	0.020*** (0.004)	0.281*** (0.028)	0.006** (0.002)
Observations	389099	389099	331861	322229	389099
School, cohort, municipality x cohort FE	X	X	X	X	X
Individual controls	X	X	X	X	X
Cohort controls	X	X	X	X	X
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Observations	389099	389099	331861	322229	389099
School, cohort, municipality x cohort FE	X	X	X	X	X
Individual controls	X	X	X	X	X
Cohort controls	X	X	X	X	X
Mean dep. var	0.853	1.860	2.181	29.14	0.703

Firm performance IV

	(1) by age 25	(2) by age 30	(3) by age 35	(4) by age 40
<i>A: Dep. var. Cumulative number of jobs</i>				
RF: Share of female peers with parent entrepreneur	0.076*** (0.025)	0.264*** (0.083)	0.385*** (0.128)	0.646** (0.280)
2SLS: Number of years as entrepreneur	6.005*** (1.140)	7.668*** (1.907)	7.302*** (1.739)	9.767** (4.106)
<i>B: Dep. var. Survival</i>				
RF: Share of female peers with parent entrepreneur	0.045*** (0.013)	0.057*** (0.020)	0.067*** (0.023)	0.065*** (0.023)
2SLS: Ever entrepreneur	6.330*** (1.419)	6.978*** (1.813)	7.514*** (2.023)	8.613** (3.463)
Observations	384944	380881	377509	374641

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Do women respond more to their peers' mothers?

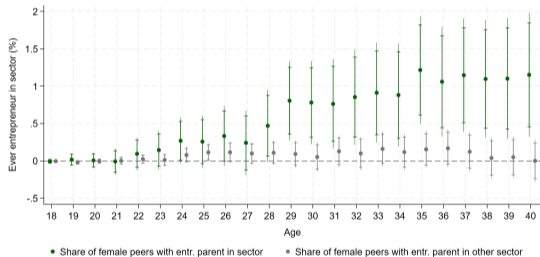
	Women - Ever entrepreneur			
	(1) by age 25	(2) by age 30	(3) by age 35	(4) by age 40
Share of female peers with father entrepreneur	0.007*** (0.002)	0.005* (0.003)	0.008** (0.004)	0.002 (0.005)
Share of female peers with mother entrepreneur	-0.000 (0.004)	0.010 (0.007)	0.010 (0.009)	0.010 (0.011)
Share of male peers with father entrepreneur	-0.003 (0.002)	-0.001 (0.003)	-0.001 (0.004)	-0.002 (0.005)
Share of male peers with mother entrepreneur	0.009* (0.005)	0.003 (0.007)	-0.001 (0.009)	0.006 (0.012)
Father is entrepreneur	0.003*** (0.000)	0.008*** (0.001)	0.013*** (0.001)	0.017*** (0.001)
Mother is entrepreneur	0.009*** (0.001)	0.022*** (0.002)	0.029*** (0.003)	0.041*** (0.004)
Observations	390770	386507	382862	330081
Mean dep. var	0.00474	0.0125	0.0206	0.0322
St.dev. share of female peers (fathers)	0.0830	0.0830	0.0830	0.0830
St.dev. share of female peers (mothers)	0.0305	0.0305	0.0305	0.0305
St.dev. share of male peers (fathers)	0.0816	0.0816	0.0816	0.0816
St.dev. share of male peers (mothers)	0.0295	0.0295	0.0295	0.0295

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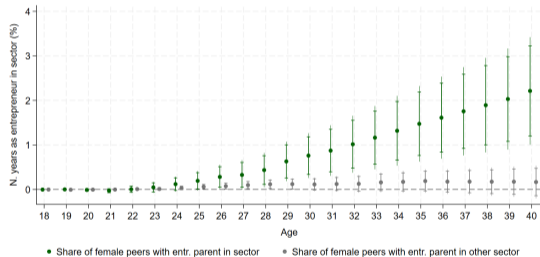
Effects of mothers and fathers are not statistically different (concern: lack of precision in mothers estimates)

Is there a sector-specific effect for women?

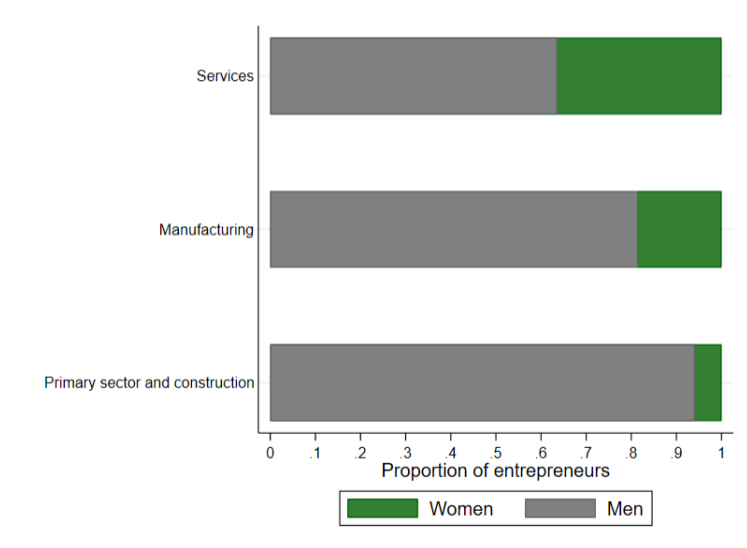
(a) Entry



(b) Number of years



Gender distribution within sectors



Professors vs Engineers

	(1) Ever Professors	(2) Ever Engineers
Share of female peers with parent professor	0.058** (0.029)	
Share of male peers with parent professor	-0.038 (0.029)	
Parent is professor	0.049*** (0.013)	
Share of female peers with parent engineer		-0.001 (0.003)
Share of male peers with parent engineer2		0.004 (0.003)
Parent is engineer		0.009*** (0.001)
Observations	395080	395080
Mean dep. var	0.00902	0.0207

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Access to networks

Boys and girls are *equally likely* to be employed in the firm of their peers parents between age 15 and 18

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Age 15	Age 16	Age 17	Age 18
<i>A. Women</i>				
Share of female peers with parent entrepreneur	0.008*** (0.002)	0.014*** (0.002)	0.012*** (0.002)	0.009*** (0.002)
Share of male peers with parent entrepreneur	0.009*** (0.002)	0.015*** (0.002)	0.016*** (0.002)	0.013*** (0.002)
<i>B. Men</i>				
Share of female peers with parent entrepreneur	0.009*** (0.002)	0.012*** (0.002)	0.012*** (0.002)	0.008*** (0.002)
Share of male peers with parent entrepreneur	0.014*** (0.002)	0.017*** (0.002)	0.017*** (0.002)	0.014*** (0.002)

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Joint ownership

	Cofounded first firm	
	(1)	(2)
	With peers	With same gender peers
Share of female peers with parent entrepreneur	-0.000 (0.000)	-0.000 (0.000)
Share of male peers with parent entrepreneur	0.001 (0.000)	0.001 (0.000)
Parent is entrepreneur	0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)
Observations	384944	384944
School and municipality x cohort FE	X	X
Individual controls	X	X
Cohort controls	X	X
Mean dep. var	0.0000883	0.0000520

Notes. All regressions include set of FEs and controls. Standard errors clustered at the school level in parentheses. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.