

Impacts of Forced Marriages on Child Education under the Pol Pot Regime in Cambodia

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Abstract

This paper investigates effects of forced marriages in the Pol Pot regime on educational investments for their children. Specifically, we focus on the difference in educational investments between the couples who faced different social environments under the Pol Pot regime. Using a complete set of retrospective census microdata, we estimate the average treatment effects on the treated for specified subpopulation with inverse probability weighting estimation. Our estimation results suggest that forced marriages had negative impacts on child education. In particular, a harsher social environment had larger negative impacts on child education.

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