

# Father's Absence, Fatherhood, and Child Development

-Using a longitudinal survey of babies in 21st century Japan-

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## **Abstract**

The leading question of this research study was how do the behavioral problems of seven-year-old children differ according to the relationship with their father. Using Japanese data collected from the Longitudinal Survey of Babies in the 21st Century, the researcher discovered the following results;

- 1) Any kind of father's absences do not have a significant effect on children's behavioral problems
- 2) Child with higher income parents is less likely to have problematic behavior

This paper was also able to uncover more suggestive findings. Contrary to the previous studies, Father and Fatherhood play an important role on children's development. In addition, efficient timing of parenthood differs by mother and father.

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