

**Who Does not Respond in the Social Survey: an Exercise in OLS and Gini  
regressions**

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**Abstract**

The main purpose of this paper is to analyze patterns of non-response in the social survey and to evaluate its effect on potential biases on satisfaction from life. An additional purpose is to apply the method of mixed regression, which combines the method of Ordinary Least Squares with Gini regression in the same estimation procedure in order to ensure that the conclusions reached do not depend on the regression methodology. The main conclusion is that young persons and ultra religious groups tend to have a lower participation in the survey and a high satisfaction from life. This in turn tends to bias satisfaction from life downward.

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