

**ONLINE APPENDIX**  
**DISCRIMINATION BEGINS IN THE WOMB: EVIDENCE OF SEX-SELECTIVE**  
**PRENATAL INVESTMENTS**

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1. CALCULATING THE CONTRIBUTION OF DIFFERENTIAL TETANUS IMMUNIZATIONS TO  
EXCESS FEMALE MORTALITY

Girls are more likely to survive than boys in the neonatal period for genetic and biological reasons. We use female neonatal mortality rate in the Ghanian DHS data as a measure of the "natural" neonatal mortality rate for girls. Restricting the sample to the 1998, 2003 and 2008 rounds (in order to be comparable to the NFHS time frame used in our regressions), the female neonatal mortality rate is 1.93%. When we use the results of a study in Italy (Ulizzi and Zonta (2002)) we impute a natural rate of 1.94%; thus we are confident that this represents an accurate measure of neonatal mortality among girls in the absence of differential treatment and use it in all calculations below.<sup>1</sup> The neonatal mortality rate is 2.24% among girls in our sample from India. This implies that the excess female neonatal mortality is  $2.24 - 1.93 = 0.31$  percentage points.

According to Rahman, Chen, Chakraborty, Yunus, Chowdhury, Sarder, Bhatia, and Curlin (1982), babies are 67% less likely to die in the neonatal period if their mothers received tetanus shots during pregnancy; this implies that babies whose mothers did *not* receive tetanus shots are 3.03 times as likely to die.<sup>2</sup> As mentioned before, the neonatal mortality rate is 2.24% among girls in the Indian sample. Since 80.3% of all mothers pregnant with girls receive tetanus shots, the

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<sup>1</sup>Ulizzi and Zonta (2002) find that the sex ratio in neonatal deaths is 0.59. Given that we observe a 958 neonatal deaths among boys in our sample, the natural rate for girls would be 1.94% in order to maintain the proper sex ratio. That is, the number of neonatal deaths among girls that we expect in order to yield the sex ratio of 0.59 is given by  $958/(958+x)=0.590$ , i.e. 665.7 deaths. Since we have 34,239 female births in our sample, this implies a natural neonatal mortality rate of  $665.7/34,239=1.94\%$  for girls.

<sup>2</sup>We consider this to be a conservative measure, as Blencowe, Lawn, Vandelaer, Roper, and Cousens (2010) find an 94% reduction in neonatal tetanus when mothers are immunised.

implied neonatal mortality rate for those whose mothers were received the shots solves  $0.803x + 3.03(1-0.803)x=2.24$ . This yields a mortality rate of 1.6% for female children born to women who received tetanus shots and 4.85% for those whose mothers did not.

Next, we calculate the difference between expected female neonatal mortality with equal prenatal treatment vs. expected female neonatal mortality with differential prenatal treatment, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{die}) \times Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) \\ &\quad - Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{die}) \times Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{die}) \times [Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, equal treatment})] \end{aligned}$$

The second term  $[Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, equal treatment})]$  can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} &= Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, no shot}) \times Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) \\ &\quad + Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, shot}) \times Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) \\ &\quad - Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, no shot}) \times Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &\quad - Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, shot}) \times Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \end{aligned}$$

This simplifies to

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, no shot}) \times [Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment})] \\ &\quad + Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, shot}) \times [Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment})] \end{aligned}$$

Under equal treatment,

$$Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) = Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{boy, equal treatment})$$

and

$$Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) = Pr(\text{shot}|\text{boy, equal treatment})$$

Taking boys' treatment as the baseline, i.e.

$$Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{boy, equal treatment}) = Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{boy, differential treatment}) = Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{boy})$$

and

$$Pr(\text{shot}|\text{boy, equal treatment}) = Pr(\text{shot}|\text{boy, differential treatment}) = Pr(\text{shot}|\text{boy})$$

We interpret our estimates to mean the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{no shot}|\text{boy}) \\ &= \text{Estimates of the pp difference in shot rates for girls vs. boys} \end{aligned}$$

and similarly

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= Pr(\text{shot}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{shot}|\text{boy}) \\ &= - [\text{Estimates of the pp difference in shot rates for girls vs. boys}] \end{aligned}$$

Putting this all together,

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{die}) \times [Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, no shot}) \times (\text{Estimated boy-girl gap in tetanus shots}) \\ &\quad + Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, shot}) \times \{-(\text{Estimated boy-girl gap in tetanus shots})\}] \\ &= Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{die}) \times [Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, no shot}) \times (\text{Estimated boy-girl gap in tetanus shots}) \\ &\quad - Pr(\text{die}|\text{girl, shot}) \times (\text{Estimated boy-girl gap in tetanus shots})] \end{aligned}$$

According to a 2000 report from UNICEF, 23% of neonatal deaths are due to tetanus in India, so we assume  $Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{die}) = .23$ . Combining this and the probabilities of female neonatal death conditional on prenatal tetanus shot receipt above, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= .23 \times [0.0485 \times (\text{Estimated boy-girl gap in shots}) - 0.016 \times (\text{Estimated boy-girl gap in shots})] \end{aligned}$$

If we take the preferred OLS estimate from Table A.4, which is 1.1 percentage points, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= .23 \times [0.0485 \times 0.011 - 0.016 \times 0.011] = .00008 \end{aligned}$$

or 0.008 percentage points. If we instead use the Mother FE estimate from Table A.4, which is 2.9 percentage points, we get:

$$\begin{aligned} & Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, differential treatment}) - Pr(\text{die from tetanus}|\text{girl, equal treatment}) \\ &= .23 \times [0.0485 \times 0.029 + 0.016 \times 0.029] = .00022 \end{aligned}$$

or 0.022 percentage points.

Therefore, the gender gap in tetanus shots can explain  $0.008/0.31=2.58\%$  of excess female neonatal deaths in India (or 2.67% if we use the Italian benchmark). If we repeat all of the calculations using the upper bound of our estimates for India (the mother fixed effect specification, results in Table 4) we find that differential tetanus treatment accounts for 7.1% of the gap between the natural and observed rates of neonatal mortality (7.3% using the imputed rate from Italy). Hence we believe that the gender bias in prenatal tetanus immunizations can explain 2.6%-7.3% of excess female neonatal mortality.

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**Online Appendix Table 1. Building the Regression Samples**

Dependent Variable (for 1998-9 & 2005-6 samples, except where noted)	All Most Recent Births of Ever-Married Women, ages 15-49	Most Recent Births with Prenatal Care Data	Most Recent Births with Geographic and Survey Controls	Adding Child-level Controls	Adding Mother-level Controls	Full Sample (All controls, Including National Sample Weights)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
At least 2 visits (1=Yes, 0=No)	73753	65233	65233	47052	47046	32012
Prenatal Care (1=Yes;0=No)	73753	65641	65641	47346	47340	32233
Number of Prenatal Visits	73753	65233	65233	47052	47046	32012
Tetanus Shot (1=Yes;0=No)	73753	65208	65208	47044	47038	32017
Number of Tetanus Shots	73753	65208	65208	47044	47038	32017
Iron Pills (1=Yes;0=No)	73753	65536	65536	47267	47261	32166
Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes;0=No)	73753	63242	63242	45623	45617	31073
1992 Sample: Prenatal Care (1=Yes;0=No)	35417	34665	34665	25741	25741	16970

  

Dependent Variable (for 1998-9 & 2005-6 samples, except where noted)	North Sample (All controls, Including National Sample Weights)	Majority Female Sample (All controls, Including National Sample Weights)	Ultrasound Sample (Pooled)	Non-ultrasound Sample (Pooled)	Children Ages 2 Years or Less	Children Ages 1 Year or Less
	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
At least 2 visits (1=Yes, 0=No)	8304	14302	6008	16870	18058	9247
Prenatal Care (1=Yes;0=No)	8369	14413	na	na	18149	9290
Number of Prenatal Visits	8304	14302	6008	16870	18058	9247
Tetanus Shot (1=Yes;0=No)	8324	14321	na	na	18061	9260
Number of Tetanus Shots	8324	14321	6012	16893	18061	9260
Iron Pills (1=Yes;0=No)	8349	14387	na	na	18131	9281
Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes;0=No)	8106	13941	5941	16295	17581	9006
1992 Sample: Prenatal Care (1=Yes;0=No)	na	na	na	na	na	na

  

Dependent Variable (for 1998-9 & 2005-6 samples, except where noted)	Conditional on at least 1 Visit	Conditional on at least 1 Visit (First Visit in Final 5 Months of Pregnancy)	Mother Fixed Effects	Adding Abortion Controls	Adding Rainfall Controls
	(13)	(14)	(15)	(16)	(17)
At least 2 visits (1=Yes, 0=No)	22983	7547	2692	13877	10363
Prenatal Care (1=Yes;0=No)	na	na	2692	na	na
Number of Prenatal Visits	22983	7547	2692	na	na
Tetanus Shot (1=Yes;0=No)	na	na	2684	na	na
Number of Tetanus Shots	23016	7630	2684	na	na
Iron Pills (1=Yes;0=No)	na	na	2692	na	na
Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes;0=No)	22351	7365	2687	na	na
1992 Sample: Prenatal Care (1=Yes;0=No)	na	na	na	na	na

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent births within 5 year previous to the survey. Days took iron supplements is available only for the 2004 survey.

Online Appendix Table 2. Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments in India: Number of Prenatal Visits

	Dependent Variable: Number of Prenatal Visits													
	No Controls (1)	Geographic and Survey Controls (2)	Adding Child- level Controls (3)	Adding Mother level Controls (4)	Adding Household- level Controls (5)	Northern States Only (6)	Majority Female Sample (7)	Ultrasound Sample (Pooled) (8)	Non- ultrasound Sample (Pooled) (9)	Children Ages 2 Years or Less (10)	Children Ages 1 Year or Less (11)	Conditional on at least 1 Visit (12)	Conditional on at least 1 Visit (First Visit in Final 5 Months of Pregnancy) (13)	Mother Fixed Effects (14)
Male	0.097** (0.042)	0.111*** (0.032)	0.098*** (0.032)	0.071** (0.030)	0.058* (0.030)	0.189*** (0.048)	0.073* (0.044)	0.019 (0.099)	0.040 (0.038)	0.063 (0.039)	0.053 (0.054)	0.042 (0.037)	0.017 (0.037)	0.124** (0.053)
Urban		1.641*** (0.055)	1.526*** (0.054)	1.073*** (0.052)	0.575*** (0.056)	0.661*** (0.095)	0.570*** (0.080)	0.422*** (0.121)	0.444*** (0.067)	0.523*** (0.077)	0.551*** (0.106)	0.532*** (0.061)	0.350*** (0.077)	
Birth Order			-0.265*** (0.008)	-0.245*** (0.012)	-0.198*** (0.011)	-0.165*** (0.017)	-0.168*** (0.018)	-0.349*** (0.052)	-0.133*** (0.015)	-0.201*** (0.016)	-0.209*** (0.022)	-0.188*** (0.016)	-0.072*** (0.015)	-0.264** (0.134)
Existing Sex Ratio of Children			-0.137*** (0.044)	-0.099** (0.042)	-0.083** (0.041)	-0.052 (0.070)	-0.662*** (0.176)	0.109 (0.111)	-0.040 (0.050)	-0.052 (0.053)	-0.012 (0.073)	-0.021 (0.048)	0.032 (0.048)	
Mother's Age				0.050*** (0.004)	0.037*** (0.004)	0.040*** (0.006)	0.036*** (0.006)	0.051*** (0.013)	0.027*** (0.005)	0.042*** (0.006)	0.047*** (0.008)	0.042*** (0.005)	0.016*** (0.005)	
Mother's Education				0.805*** (0.021)	0.530*** (0.022)	0.619*** (0.040)	0.560*** (0.033)	0.375*** (0.060)	0.303*** (0.026)	0.526*** (0.029)	0.489*** (0.040)	0.389*** (0.024)	0.139*** (0.027)	
Family Wealth is in 2nd Quintile					0.181*** (0.036)	0.191*** (0.060)	0.166*** (0.054)	-0.061 (0.267)	0.121** (0.048)	0.117** (0.049)	0.111* (0.066)	0.099** (0.049)	0.010 (0.066)	
Family Wealth is in 3rd Quintile					0.460*** (0.045)	0.241*** (0.067)	0.439*** (0.069)	0.125 (0.251)	0.365*** (0.056)	0.383*** (0.060)	0.332*** (0.082)	0.343*** (0.056)	0.143** (0.056)	
Family Wealth is in 4th Quintile					0.869*** (0.057)	0.570*** (0.082)	0.771*** (0.082)	0.644** (0.253)	0.527*** (0.070)	0.874*** (0.077)	0.913*** (0.106)	0.673*** (0.067)	0.208*** (0.069)	
Family Wealth is in 5th Quintile					1.995*** (0.084)	1.793*** (0.124)	1.894*** (0.121)	1.274*** (0.273)	1.161*** (0.102)	1.894*** (0.114)	2.066*** (0.156)	1.586*** (0.093)	0.590*** (0.110)	
Constant	2.727*** (0.031)	4.860*** (0.112)	5.756*** (0.135)	3.620*** (0.161)	3.606*** (0.159)	0.330 (0.255)	3.858*** (0.218)	4.523*** (0.485)	4.161*** (0.199)	3.769*** (0.194)	3.540*** (0.258)	4.127*** (0.182)	3.187*** (0.193)	3.560*** (0.478)
Mean of Dependent Variable	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.78	2.12	2.86	6.20	3.41	2.69	2.64	4.05	2.61	2.68
State Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy Variable for Each HH Wealth Q <sub>i</sub>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	32,012	32,012	32,012	32,012	32,012	8,304	14,302	6,008	16,870	18,058	9,247	22,983	7,547	2,692
R-squared	0.000	0.380	0.403	0.457	0.477	0.404	0.482	0.283	0.291	0.472	0.488	0.380	0.217	0.016

Robust standard errors in parentheses  
 \*\*\* p<0.01, \*\* p<0.05, \* p<0.1

Notes: With the exception of the fixed effects regression (column 14) and columns 10-11, the sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the survey. Existing sex ratio is defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one. National sample weights are used in all regressions.

Online Appendix Table 3: Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments in India: Number of Tetanus Shots

	Dependent Variable: Number of Tetanus Shots													
	No Controls (1)	Geographic and Survey Controls (2)	Adding Child- level Controls (3)	Adding Mother level Controls (4)	Adding Household- level Controls (5)	Northern States Only (6)	Majority Female Sample (7)	Ultrasound Sample (Pooled) (8)	Non- ultrasound Sample (Pooled) (9)	Children Ages 2 Years or Less (10)	Children Ages 1 Year or Less (11)	Conditional on at least 1 Visit (12)	Conditional on at least 1 Visit (First Visit in Final 5 Months of Pregnancy) (13)	Mother Fixed Effects (14)
Male	0.057*** (0.015)	0.057*** (0.015)	0.050*** (0.014)	0.044*** (0.014)	0.039*** (0.014)	0.056** (0.027)	0.051** (0.021)	0.007 (0.023)	0.035** (0.015)	0.050*** (0.018)	0.061** (0.025)	0.030** (0.012)	0.020 (0.022)	0.088*** (0.023)
Urban		0.250*** (0.017)	0.202*** (0.017)	0.107*** (0.017)	-0.010 (0.018)	-0.022 (0.036)	-0.016 (0.026)	-0.003 (0.026)	-0.034 (0.021)	-0.044* (0.026)	0.007 (0.035)	-0.019 (0.016)	-0.014 (0.034)	
Birth Order			-0.111*** (0.005)	-0.096*** (0.006)	-0.083*** (0.006)	-0.066*** (0.011)	-0.079*** (0.010)	-0.021 (0.013)	-0.048*** (0.007)	-0.077*** (0.008)	-0.069*** (0.011)	-0.046*** (0.006)	-0.042*** (0.010)	-0.133** (0.057)
Existing Sex Ratio of Children			-0.079*** (0.017)	-0.070*** (0.017)	-0.064*** (0.017)	-0.040 (0.033)	0.043 (0.104)	0.036 (0.024)	-0.018 (0.018)	-0.078*** (0.022)	-0.075** (0.029)	-0.006 (0.014)	0.006 (0.027)	
Mother's Age				0.006*** (0.002)	0.004** (0.002)	0.001 (0.004)	0.006** (0.003)	-0.001 (0.003)	0.006*** (0.002)	0.002 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.003)	0.004*** (0.003)	0.008*** (0.003)	
Mother's Education				0.179*** (0.008)	0.100*** (0.009)	0.129*** (0.016)	0.089*** (0.013)	0.015 (0.015)	0.021** (0.009)	0.102*** (0.011)	0.107*** (0.015)	0.022*** (0.008)	0.056*** (0.014)	
Family Wealth is in 2nd Quintile					0.164*** (0.022)	0.168*** (0.047)	0.161*** (0.033)	-0.045 (0.075)	0.024 (0.023)	0.131*** (0.029)	0.073* (0.039)	0.020 (0.022)	0.023 (0.031)	
Family Wealth is in 3rd Quintile					0.365*** (0.023)	0.447*** (0.048)	0.360*** (0.034)	0.092 (0.064)	0.127*** (0.024)	0.347*** (0.031)	0.288*** (0.042)	0.130*** (0.022)	0.109*** (0.035)	
Family Wealth is in 4th Quintile					0.464*** (0.024)	0.652*** (0.050)	0.458*** (0.037)	0.066 (0.063)	0.167*** (0.026)	0.445*** (0.032)	0.384*** (0.044)	0.159*** (0.024)	0.152*** (0.040)	
Family Wealth is in 5th Quintile					0.502*** (0.029)	0.728*** (0.056)	0.500*** (0.043)	0.090 (0.066)	0.231*** (0.034)	0.522*** (0.038)	0.464*** (0.052)	0.201*** (0.028)	0.228*** (0.052)	
Constant	1.649*** (0.011)	2.167*** (0.036)	2.449*** (0.054)	2.141*** (0.063)	1.975*** (0.065)	1.332*** (0.125)	1.914*** (0.097)	2.129*** (0.111)	1.783*** (0.464)	2.119*** (0.074)	2.109*** (0.099)	2.000*** (0.058)	1.738*** (0.468)	2.790*** (0.107)
Mean of Dependent Variable	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.68	1.43	1.71	2.16	2.01	1.65	1.62	2.04	1.94	1.56
State Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy Variable for Each HH Wealth Q <sub>i</sub>	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	32,017	32,017	32,017	32,017	32,017	8,324	14,321	6,012	16,893	18,061	9,260	23,016	7,630	2,684
R-squared	0.001	0.101	0.136	0.157	0.176	0.202	0.172	0.055	0.065	0.176	0.175	0.066	0.075	0.051

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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

Notes: With the exception of the fixed effects regression (column 14) and columns 10-11, the sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the survey. Existing sex ratio is defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one. National sample weights are used in all regressions.



**Online Appendix Table 4. Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments in India: Iron Pill Supplements**

Dependent Variable: Iron Pills (1=Yes, 0=No)										
	No Controls	Geographic and Survey Controls	Adding Child-level Controls	Adding Mother-level Controls	Adding Household-level Controls	Northern States Only	Majority Female Sample	Children Ages 2 Years or Less	Children Ages 1 Year or Less	Mother Fixed Effects
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Male	0.005 (0.007)	0.006 (0.006)	0.005 (0.006)	0.002 (0.006)	0.000 (0.006)	0.004 (0.012)	-0.001 (0.009)	0.004 (0.008)	0.010 (0.011)	0.024** (0.011)
Urban		0.075*** (0.008)	0.059*** (0.008)	0.008 (0.008)	-0.037*** (0.009)	-0.034* (0.019)	-0.030** (0.013)	-0.034*** (0.013)	-0.021 (0.018)	
Birth Order			-0.039*** (0.002)	-0.028*** (0.003)	-0.023*** (0.003)	-0.020*** (0.005)	-0.021*** (0.004)	-0.020*** (0.004)	-0.022*** (0.005)	0.003 (0.028)
Existing Sex R			-0.023*** (0.008)	-0.019** (0.008)	-0.017** (0.008)	-0.003 (0.016)	-0.030 (0.045)	-0.013 (0.010)	-0.025* (0.014)	
Mother's Age				0.002* (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	0.002 (0.002)	0.000 (0.001)	0.001 (0.001)	0.001 (0.002)	
Mother's Educ				0.100*** (0.004)	0.072*** (0.004)	0.075*** (0.008)	0.074*** (0.006)	0.075*** (0.006)	0.074*** (0.008)	
Family Wealth					0.039*** (0.009)	0.040** (0.020)	0.047*** (0.014)	0.046*** (0.013)	0.028 (0.018)	
Family Wealth					0.097*** (0.010)	0.121*** (0.021)	0.107*** (0.015)	0.091*** (0.013)	0.080*** (0.019)	
Family Wealth					0.127*** (0.011)	0.189*** (0.022)	0.135*** (0.017)	0.127*** (0.015)	0.112*** (0.020)	
Family Wealth					0.188*** (0.014)	0.272*** (0.028)	0.195*** (0.021)	0.187*** (0.018)	0.198*** (0.026)	
Constant	(0.005) 0.587***	(0.016) 0.782***	(0.021) 0.912***	(0.027) 0.708***	(0.028) 0.668***	(0.056) 0.593***	(0.043) 0.718***	0.187*** 0.715***	0.198*** 0.760***	0.604*** (0.101)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.612	0.612	0.612	0.612	0.612	0.559	0.627	0.609	0.607	
State Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy Variables	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	32,166	32,166	32,166	32,166	32,166	8,349	14,387	18,134	9,281	2,692
R-squared	0.000	0.187	0.206	0.234	0.242	0.180	0.240	0.250	0.243	0.009

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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

Notes: With the exception of the fixed effects regression (column 14) and columns 10-11, the sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the survey. Existing sex ratio is defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one. National sample weights are used in all regressions.

**Online Appendix Table 5. Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments in India: Non Home Delivery**

Dependent Variable: Non Home Delivery (1=Yes, 0=No)														
	No Controls	Geographic and Survey Controls	Adding Child-level Controls	Adding Mother-level Controls	Adding Household-level Controls	Northern States Only	Majority Female Sample	Ultrasound Sample (Pooled)	Non-ultrasound Sample (Pooled)	Children Ages 2 Years or Less	Children Ages 1 Year or Less	Conditional on at least 1 Visit	Conditional on at least 1 Visit (First 5 Months of Pregnancy)	Mother Fixed Effects
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)
Male	0.025*** (0.007)	0.025*** (0.006)	0.024*** (0.006)	0.019*** (0.005)	0.017*** (0.005)	0.038*** (0.009)	0.007 (0.008)	0.049*** (0.013)	0.007 (0.008)	0.020*** (0.007)	0.011 (0.010)	0.018*** (0.007)	0.018 (0.012)	0.010 (0.010)
Urban		0.332*** (0.009)	0.316*** (0.009)	0.241*** (0.009)	0.156*** (0.009)	0.150*** (0.018)	0.150*** (0.014)	0.105*** (0.014)	0.172*** (0.014)	0.162*** (0.013)	0.163*** (0.018)	0.157*** (0.010)	0.206*** (0.022)	
Birth Order			-0.036*** (0.002)	-0.034*** (0.002)	-0.026*** (0.002)	-0.020*** (0.004)	-0.019*** (0.004)	-0.034*** (0.008)	-0.028*** (0.004)	-0.027*** (0.003)	-0.034*** (0.004)	-0.032*** (0.003)	-0.022*** (0.005)	-0.050** (0.024)
Existing Sex R			-0.020** (0.008)	-0.014* (0.007)	-0.011 (0.007)	-0.002 (0.013)	-0.128*** (0.036)	0.021 (0.014)	-0.006 (0.011)	-0.005 (0.010)	-0.010 (0.013)	-0.005 (0.009)	-0.007 (0.016)	
Mother's Age				0.009*** (0.001)	0.007*** (0.001)	0.006*** (0.001)	0.007*** (0.001)	0.008*** (0.002)	0.008*** (0.001)	0.008*** (0.001)	0.010*** (0.001)	0.008*** (0.001)	0.008*** (0.002)	
Mother's Educ				0.130*** (0.004)	0.079*** (0.004)	0.077*** (0.007)	0.083*** (0.006)	0.054*** (0.009)	0.063*** (0.006)	0.082*** (0.006)	0.080*** (0.008)	0.073*** (0.005)	0.051*** (0.008)	
Family Wealth					0.035*** (0.007)	0.013 (0.013)	0.033*** (0.011)	0.060 (0.048)	0.041*** (0.011)	0.039*** (0.010)	0.045*** (0.013)	0.050*** (0.011)	0.062*** (0.016)	
Family Wealth					0.113*** (0.009)	0.039*** (0.015)	0.112*** (0.014)	0.098** (0.044)	0.124*** (0.013)	0.112*** (0.012)	0.140*** (0.017)	0.138*** (0.012)	0.129*** (0.018)	
Family Wealth					0.196*** (0.011)	0.096*** (0.017)	0.194*** (0.016)	0.150*** (0.043)	0.198*** (0.015)	0.186*** (0.014)	0.197*** (0.019)	0.222*** (0.013)	0.190*** (0.023)	
Family Wealth					0.335*** (0.014)	0.306*** (0.024)	0.334*** (0.020)	0.222*** (0.043)	0.310*** (0.021)	0.317*** (0.018)	0.320*** (0.026)	0.339*** (0.016)	0.276*** (0.033)	
Constant	0.298*** (0.005)	0.489*** (0.018)	0.604*** (0.022)	0.240*** (0.026)	0.210*** (0.026)	-0.012 (0.043)	0.208*** (0.039)	0.452*** (0.065)	0.283*** (0.039)	0.270*** (0.033)	0.245*** (0.044)	0.211*** (0.032)	0.124** (0.055)	-0.647*** (0.044)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.312	0.312	0.312	0.312	0.312	0.236	0.324	0.780	0.308	0.297	0.294	0.419	0.280	0.281
State Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy Variables	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	31,073	31,073	31,073	31,073	31,073	8,106	13,941	5,941	16,295	17,581	9,006	22,351	7,365	2,687
R-squared	0.001	0.268	0.287	0.349	0.374	0.288	0.371	0.220	0.249	0.360	0.373	0.342	0.216	0.010

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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

Notes: With the exception of the fixed effects regression (column 14) and columns 10-11, the sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the survey. Existing sex ratio is defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one. National sample weights are used in all regressions.

**Online APPENDIX TABLE 6. Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments in India: RCH 1998-2004**

Coefficient on Male in various samples	Dependent Variable							
	At Least 2 Visits (1=Yes, 0=No)	Prenatal Care (1=Yes, 0=No)	Number of Prenatal visits	Tetanus Shot (1=Yes, 0=No)	Number of Tetanus Shots	Given Iron Pills (1=Yes, 0=No)	Number of Iron Supplements Taken Per Day	Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes, 0=No)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Full Sample	0.005*** (0.002)	0.007*** (0.002)	0.035*** (0.008)	0.010*** (0.002)	0.021*** (0.004)	0.005*** (0.002)	0.005 (0.003)	0.011*** (0.002)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.482	0.553	1.994	0.720	1.404	0.508	0.637	0.278
Observations	233687	230971	230946	230755	227776	230637	229813	230383
R-squared	0.305	0.298	0.441	0.171	0.189	0.232	0.151	0.321
Northern Region	0.007** (0.003)	0.010*** (0.003)	0.038*** (0.012)	0.012*** (0.003)	0.020*** (0.007)	0.010*** (0.003)	0.012** (0.005)	0.011*** (0.003)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.429	0.498	1.492	0.675	1.280	0.435	0.545	0.202
Observations	76461	75293	75291	75250	74464	75249	74984	75121
R-squared	0.251	0.251	0.341	0.145	0.149	0.143	0.111	0.212
Majority Female Sample	0.017*** (0.003)	0.015*** (0.003)	0.076*** (0.015)	0.013*** (0.003)	0.031*** (0.007)	0.013*** (0.003)	0.013** (0.006)	0.017*** (0.003)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.523	0.595	2.192	0.750	1.478	0.547	0.680	0.304
Observations	80685	79514	79510	79466	78610	79434	79204	79325
R-squared	0.301	0.294	0.444	0.161	0.178	0.229	0.147	0.328

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49). RCH/DLHS surveys from 1998 and 2002 used. Controls include: state fixed effects, birth year fixed effects, survey round fixed effects, mother's age, mother's education, mother's literacy status, father's education, father's literacy status, household building type, caste, religion fixed effects, household size, dummy for urban, birth order, and existing sex ratio of children (defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one). Northern region is defined as the following states: Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh.

**ONLINE APPENDIX TABLE 7. Gender and Pregnancy Complications in India: RCH 1998-2004**

	Swelling (1=Yes, 0=No)	Paleness (1=Yes, 0=No)	Visual Disturbances (1=Yes, 0=No)	Excessive Bleeding (1=Yes, 0=No)	Convulsions (1=Yes, 0=No)	Weak or No Fetal Movement (1=Yes, 0=No)	Abnormal Fetal Position (1=Yes, 0=No)	Any Complication (1=Yes, 0=No)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Male	-0.002 (0.002)	-0.002 (0.001)	-0.003** (0.001)	0.000 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)	0.000 (0.002)	-0.005*** (0.002)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.211	0.151	0.106	0.027	0.044	0.032	0.017	0.476
Observations	230955	230958	230941	230937	230950	230942	230939	230976
R-squared	0.017	0.027	0.035	0.008	0.017	0.012	0.011	0.121

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49). DLHS surveys from 1998 and 2002 used. Controls include: state fixed effects, birth year fixed effects, survey round fixed effects, mother's age, mother's education, mother's literacy status, father's education, father's literacy status, household building type, caste, religion fixed effects, household size, dummy for urban, birth order, and existing sex ratio of children (defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one).

**Online Appendix Table 8. Sex-Selective Prenatal Investments in India: Children Aged 0-23 months at Time of Survey**

	Full Sample		Mothers Who Receive At Least 1 Prenatal Checkup			
	Prenatal Care (1=Yes, 0=No) (1)	Tetanus Shot (1=Yes, 0=No) (2)	Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes, 0=No) (3)	At least 2 Prenatal Visits (4)	At least 2 Tetanus Shots (1=Yes,0=No) (5)	Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes, 0=No) (6)
Male	0.014* (0.007)	0.013* (0.007)	0.020*** (0.007)	0.016** (0.007)	0.017** (0.008)	0.022** (0.009)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.685	0.776	0.297	0.880	0.831	0.399
Observations	18149	18061	17581	12897	12914	12583
R-squared	0.313	0.186	0.360	0.097	0.070	0.331

Robust standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p&lt;0.01, \*\* p&lt;0.05, \* p&lt;0.1

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 2 years previous to the survey (children aged 0-23 months at the time of the survey). Days took iron supplements is available only for the 2004 survey. Controls include: state fixed effects, birth year fixed effects, survey year fixed effects, mother's age, mother's education, dummy for urban, birth order, and existing sex ratio of children (defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one). National sample weights are used in all regressions .

**ONLINE APPENDIX TABLE 9. Robustness Checks for Gender Discrimination in Additional Prenatal Care in India**

	All with First Prenatal Checkup during the Final 6 Months of Pregnancy			All with First Prenatal Checkup during the Final 5 Months of Pregnancy		
	At least 2 Prenatal Visits	At least 3 Prenatal Visits	At least 4 Prenatal Visits	At least 2 Prenatal Visits	At least 3 Prenatal Visits	At least 4 Prenatal Visits
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Male	0.024*** (0.009)	0.022* (0.012)	0.045*** (0.016)	0.027** (0.011)	0.025* (0.015)	0.040** (0.019)
Mother's Age	0.004*** (0.001)	0.006*** (0.002)	0.006*** (0.002)	0.005*** (0.001)	0.007*** (0.002)	0.006*** (0.002)
Mother's Education	0.023*** (0.006)	0.047*** (0.008)	0.075*** (0.011)	0.018*** (0.007)	0.037*** (0.010)	0.050*** (0.014)
Urban	0.028** (0.012)	0.044*** (0.016)	0.072*** (0.022)	0.026 (0.016)	0.058** (0.023)	0.095*** (0.031)
Birth Order	-0.015*** (0.004)	-0.020*** (0.005)	-0.028*** (0.007)	-0.018*** (0.005)	-0.026*** (0.006)	-0.031*** (0.008)
Existing Sex Ratio of Children	-0.012 (0.011)	-0.006 (0.015)	0.002 (0.019)	-0.001 (0.013)	0.010 (0.018)	0.017 (0.024)
Constant	0.829*** (0.038)	0.732*** (0.053)	0.646*** (0.068)	0.757*** (0.045)	0.230*** (0.072)	0.596*** (0.077)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.836	0.748	0.573	0.813	0.698	0.474
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy Variable for Each HH Wealth Quintile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	10661	7250	4482	7547	4881	2918
R-Squared	0.075	0.165	0.351	0.082	0.182	0.376

Robust standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p&lt;0.01, \*\* p&lt;0.05, \* p&lt;0.1

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the survey. Existing sex ratio of children is defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one. National sample weights are used in all regressions .

**Online Appendix Table 10. Sex Selective Abortions**

	<b>Dependent Variable: Any Prenatal Care (1=Yes; 0=No)</b>				
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(5)
Male	0.023*** (0.008)	0.023*** (0.008)	0.023*** (0.008)	0.023*** (0.008)	0.023*** (0.008)
Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies	0.084*** (0.031)				0.079** (0.037)
Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies		0.021 (0.018)			-0.004 (0.023)
Negative Rain Shock (Year of Conception)			0.012 (0.014)		0.012 (0.014)
Firstborn Child Was Male				0.009 (0.013)	0.009 (0.014)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.657	0.657	0.650	0.657	0.650
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy for Each Wealth Quintile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	13,893	13,893	10,375	13,893	10,375
R-squared	0.363	0.363	0.369	0.363	0.369
	<b>Dependent Variable: Number of Prenatal Visits</b>				
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(5)
Male	0.077* (0.043)	0.077* (0.044)	0.066 (0.045)	0.077* (0.044)	0.067 (0.045)
Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies	0.551*** (0.211)				0.505** (0.245)
Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies		0.473 (0.494)			-0.169 (0.604)
Negative Rain Shock (Year of Conception)			-0.009 (0.083)		-0.008 (0.083)
Firstborn Child Was Male				-0.002 (0.063)	-0.015 (0.065)
Mean of Dependent Variable	2.512	2.512	2.468	2.512	2.468
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy for Each Wealth Quintile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	13,893	13,893	10,375	13,893	10,375
R-squared	0.363	0.363	0.369	0.363	0.369

Robust standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p&lt;0.01, \*\* p&lt;0.05, \* p&lt;0.1

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the 1998-9 survey. Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies is defined as total abortions/total pregnancies. Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies is defined as total induced abortions/total pregnancies. Negative Rain Shock is equal to 1 if the yearly rainfall at the state level is more than 30% above or below the 20-year state-specific average during the year of conception. Rainfall information not available for all states. Other controls include mother's age, mother's education, dummy for urban, birth order, and existing sex ratio of children (defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one). National sample weights are used in all regressions.

**Online Appendix Table 10. Sex Selective Abortions (continued)**

	<b>Dependent Variable: Tetanus Shot (1=Yes; 0=No)</b>				
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(5)
Male	0.015*	0.015*	0.016*	0.015*	0.016*
	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)
Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies	0.011				-0.003
	(0.034)				(0.041)
Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies		0.043			0.045
		(0.060)			(0.080)
Negative Rain Shock (Year of Conception)			0.010		0.010
			(0.015)		(0.015)
Firstborn Child Was Male				0.021	0.022
				(0.014)	(0.015)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.735	0.735	0.731	0.735	0.731
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy for Each Wealth Quintile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	13,845	13,845	10,335	13,845	10,335
R-squared	0.225	0.225	0.222	0.225	0.223
	<b>Dependent Variable: Number of Tetanus Shots</b>				
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(5)
Male	0.044**	0.044**	0.045**	0.043**	0.045**
	(0.020)	(0.020)	(0.021)	(0.020)	(0.021)
Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies	0.055				0.104
	(0.090)				(0.110)
Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies		-0.150			-0.223
		(0.166)			(0.221)
Negative Rain Shock (Year of Conception)			0.011		0.011
			(0.037)		(0.037)
Firstborn Child Was Male				0.061*	0.066*
				(0.034)	(0.036)
Mean of Dependent Variable	1.568	1.568	1.566	1.568	1.566
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy for Each Wealth Quintile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	13,845	13,845	10,335	13,845	10,335
R-squared	0.211	0.211	0.211	0.212	0.211
	<b>Dependent Variable: Non-Home Delivery (1=Yes; 0=No)</b>				
	(1)	(2)	(2)	(4)	(5)
Male	0.014*	0.013*	0.014*	0.014*	0.014*
	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)
Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies	0.098**				0.031
	(0.039)				(0.045)
Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies		0.321***			0.318***
		(0.089)			(0.111)
Negative Rain Shock (Year of Conception)			-0.035**		-0.035**
			(0.014)		(0.014)
Firstborn Child Was Male				-0.010	-0.012
				(0.011)	(0.012)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.254	0.254	0.248	0.254	0.248
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Survey Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy for Each Wealth Quintile	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	13,913	13,913	10,391	13,913	10,391
R-squared	0.310	0.310	0.316	0.310	0.316

Robust standard errors in parentheses

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

Notes: Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the 1998-9 survey. Proportion of All Aborted Pregnancies is defined as total abortions/total pregnancies. Proportion of Induced Aborted Pregnancies is defined as total induced abortions/total pregnancies. Negative Rain Shock is equal to 1 if the yearly rainfall at the state level is more than 30% above or below the 20-year state-specific average during the year of conception. Rainfall information not available for all states. Other controls include mother's age, mother's education, dummy for urban, birth order, and existing sex ratio of children (defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one). National sample weights are used in all regressions.

**Online Appendix Table 11: Adding Covariates**

	<b>Dependent Variable: At Least 2 Prenatal Visits (1=Yes;0=No)</b>			
	Main Specification	Adding Household Demographics	Adding Father & Mother Characteristics	Adding Media Exposure
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Male	0.018*** (0.006)	0.019*** (0.006)	0.019*** (0.006)	0.019*** (0.006)
Husband's Education			0.008*** (0.003)	0.008*** (0.003)
Age at First Marriage			-0.001 (0.001)	-0.001 (0.001)
Reads a Newspaper				0.027*** (0.008)
Urban	0.044*** (0.008)	0.042*** (0.008)	0.042*** (0.008)	0.042*** (0.008)
Birth Order	-0.033*** (0.002)	-0.032*** (0.002)	-0.033*** (0.003)	-0.032*** (0.003)
Existing Sex Ratio of Children	-0.023*** (0.007)	-0.023*** (0.007)	-0.022*** (0.007)	-0.022*** (0.007)
Mother's Age	0.003*** (0.001)	0.003*** (0.001)	0.003*** (0.001)	0.003*** (0.001)
Mother's Education	0.067*** (0.004)	0.067*** (0.004)	0.065*** (0.004)	0.061*** (0.004)
Family Wealth is in 2nd Quintile	0.052*** (0.009)	0.048*** (0.009)	0.044*** (0.009)	0.045*** (0.009)
Family Wealth is in 3rd Quintile	0.110*** (0.009)	0.102*** (0.010)	0.098*** (0.010)	0.098*** (0.010)
Family Wealth is in 4th Quintile	0.162*** (0.010)	0.154*** (0.011)	0.148*** (0.011)	0.148*** (0.011)
Family Wealth is in 5th Quintile	0.215*** (0.012)	0.211*** (0.013)	0.204*** (0.013)	0.198*** (0.013)
Constant	0.783*** (0.025)	0.950*** (0.081)	1.718*** (0.052)	1.014*** (0.082)
Mean of Dependent Variable	0.610			
State Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Birth Year Fixed Effects	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dummy Variable for Each HH Wealth Qi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Observations	32012	31,044	30,951	30,935
R-squared	0.335	0.340	0.340	0.340

Robust standard errors in parentheses

\*\*\* p&lt;0.01, \*\* p&lt;0.05, \* p&lt;0.1

Notes: Columns (2)-(4) include dummies for native language, caste and religion. Sample is restricted to most recent birth of ever married women (ages 15-49) within 5 years previous to the survey. Existing sex ratio is defined as the ratio of boys to the total number of births prior to the most recent one. National sample weights are used in all regressions.