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How reproductive behaviour affects people's happiness?

The study intends to examine the effect of number of children and children's sex on people's happiness. The paper sets out some interesting observations regarding reproductive behaviour and happiness. However, there are some statements in abstract form which need to be expanded and justified, where appropriate referring to the literature. For example, the argument that "happiness increases monotonically with the number of years after the birth of child" is little vague and not adequately explained. There is no discussion of the data and the methodology. The paper would benefit from a literature review and research hypotheses. It may be necessary to control for some confounding factors in the regression model (for example individual age).
