

Early Commitment of Financial Aid on Poor Students in Rural China: Parents' Investment Difference Between Male and Female students

Abstract:

We saw countless examples shows that disadvantaged groups such as poor and rural could not get as much opportunities for further education and job finding, etc. This time I will try to understand how poor students will behave when they are facing the opportunity to get higher education by re-analyzing and further discussing Hongmei Yi's paper which is about ECFA project. The project Early Commitment of Financial Aid (ECFA) is a guarantee of financial aid for the next level of schooling, made to students who are still in a lower level of schooling. In Hongmei Yi's paper, the author designed a two randomized controlled trials ECFA experiment - one at the start and one near the end of junior high school (seventh and ninth grade) in order to analyze how ECFA will influence disadvantaged students' matriculation to high school. The author found that ninth-grade program had at most only a small effect on matriculation to high school. The seventh-grade program did increase the plans of students to attend high school by 15 percent. My contribution is by using a different analysis method (DID) I realize the 15 percent increase is mainly due to the female group. (Statistically significant for the female group and not Statistically significant for the male group)