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ACCOMPANYING THE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

Direct and Indirect Effects of Public Policies and Interventions

by

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1. While the Active Living Program successfully increases time spent on physical activity, it increases inequality in school performance (Chapter 1).
2. “Keep calm and walk it off” may not work well for boys (Chapter 2).
3. The advantages of opt-out consent systems for organ donation are by far the largest for deceased-donor kidney and liver transplantation rates (Chapter 3).
4. One more deceased-donor transplantation does not imply that one organ-patient life is saved (Chapter 3).
5. Clustering standard errors is not necessarily the most conservative approach.
6. “Absence of evidence is not evidence of absence.” – Martin Reese / Carl Sagan.
7. “Different constraints are decisive for different situations, but the most fundamental constraint is limited time.” – Gary Becker.
8. Researchers and policymakers need to be very careful generalizing previously found direct and indirect effects to different contexts and policy designs.
9. Oops-onomics would have been a great alternative title for this dissertation.
10. The fact that childbirth hurts as much as it does, is a sign that human evolution is not yet finished.
11. “Everything will be okay in the end. If it is not okay, it is not the end.” – Paulo Coelho / John Lennon.