How do sons and daughters affect parents’ charitable giving?

The sex of the first-born child affects the parents’ likelihood of giving, the amount they give and the types of causes they support.

Among people who have had two or more children, those with a first-born son are more likely to give and to give 14.3% larger amounts to charitable organizations than people whose first-born was a daughter.

Among people who have had exactly one child, those with a daughter are more likely to give and to give 20.3% larger amounts to charitable organizations than people who had a son.

People whose only child is a daughter give more to education and basic needs.

People whose first-born is a son give more to education, youth and family services.