

First-born daughters may live longer

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Predictors for exceptional human longevity may include birth order, place of birth and early-life living conditions, says a U.S. study.

A study by the Society of Actuaries suggests there are several factors linked to one's longevity. The data indicate that first-born daughters are three times more likely to survive to age 100



Bunnatine Greenhouse, a principal contracting officer with the US Army, told the Senate Democratic Policy Committee on June 27, 2005 Halliburton illegally received contracts in Iraq and misused funds. Within weeks she was sacked from her position. (Click on photo for full story).

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later-born
daughters.

The research,
developed by
the SOA in
partnership
with
researchers
at the Center
on Aging and
the National
Opinion
Research
Center at the
University of
Chicago,
evaluated
detailed
family data for
nearly 1,000
centenarians
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Drs. Natalia
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collected data
from publicly
available
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genealogies
of 75 million
individuals
identified in
previous

studies and validated ages and birth dates by linking records to the Social Security Administration Death Master File and reviewing U.S. censuses for years 1900, 1910 and 1920.

Limited access to parental care, including attention and supervision, may result in less attention being paid to the health and safety of later-born children, resulting in a higher risk of infections and malnutrition during early childhood, says Gavrilova.

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