

AN ANALYSIS OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHARACTERISTICS IN THE
UNITED STATES

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ABSTRACT

Over the past several decades there has been extensive research done in an attempt to determine what demographic characteristics affect economic growth, measured in GDP per capita. Understanding what influences the growth of a country will vastly help policy makers enact policies to lead the country in a positive direction. This research focuses on isolating a new variable, women in the work force. As well as isolating a new variable, this research will modify a preexisting variable that was shown to be significant in order to make the variable more robust and sensitive to recessions.

The intent of this thesis is to explore the relationship between several demographic characteristics and their effect on the growth rate of GDP per capita. The first step is to reproduce the work done by Barlow (1994) to ensure that the United States follows similar rules as the countries in his research. Afterwards, we will introduce new variables into the model, comparing the goodness of fit through the methods of R-squared, AIC and BIC. There have been several models developed to answer each of the research questions independently.

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INTRODUCTION

Changes in the world population demonstrate the importance of fertility/population, and emphasize the need to understand the connection between fertility/population and economic growth. Many studies in the economics literature attempt to explain the relationship between economic development and demographic characteristics or population growth. Some of the factors affecting economic growth that have been explored are the current fertility rate (Brander, Dowrick et al. 1993), lagged fertility rate (Barlow 1994), and age dependency ratio (ADR) (Hondroyiannis and Papapetrou 2005).

The issue of population growth is of growing importance, since as the ADR (the ratio of dependent individuals to the working age populace) increases there is an increased strain on social security systems and the labor force (Hondroyiannis and Papapetrou 2005). According to the Administration of Aging (AOA), the share of old-age population, those over the age of 65, in the United States will increase from 12.9% to 19% by 2030. Evidence of correlation between the size and age composition of population and economic factors is of especially great importance to policy makers. As a result of increased life expectancy and decreased fertility, it is a reasonable expectation that unless policies are put in place to curb the trend, the financial strain of an aging population will have adverse effects on the economic output of the United States. In order to avoid this problem, it is of great importance to implement policy changes with respect to the labor market and pension and healthcare systems for the elderly as well as policy changes to impact fertility rates.

The initial analysis of the effect of population growth on economic growth was done in the 1960s and 1970s, where researchers concluded that aggregate population growth had no significant effect on economic growth. However, it was later shown that current fertility rates contribute negatively to short-term economic development. For this reason Barlow suggested the lagged fertility rate variable for explaining the effects of population growth on long-term economic development. It was shown that there is a statistically significant negative effect of current fertility rates on economic growth and a statistically significant positive effect of lagged fertility (Barlow 1994).

Population growth is affected by a number of different factors including fertility rates, immigration, and mortality. The majority of these factors, such as immigration and the age dependency ratio are influenced mainly by fertility rates. Therefore, it is of interest to understand what affects the fertility rate in order to get a clearer picture of the change in population growth. Knowledge of how fertility rates, lagged and current, affect population growth is necessary in order to enact policy that will bolster the current population growth and counteract the effects of an aging population. Some of the factors affecting fertility rates are the increasing rate of women in the work force (Smith and Ward 1985), the increase in individuals attaining higher education (Ludwig and Vogel), the cost and quality of children (Becker 1960), and technological advances (Galor and Weil 2000).

During the demographic transition towards an older population, the existence of declines in mortality without concurrent reductions in fertility could result in the population outgrowing available fixed factors such as land (the Malthusian theory), or even factors that can be

reproduced such as physical capital (the Solow theory). Technological progress can increase the return to human capital, which in turn can lead to a reduction in fertility as families choose to invest in higher quality of children versus a larger quantity of children (Becker 1960; Barro and Becker 1989; Galor and Weil 2000). A reduction of fertility in this manner contributes positively to economic growth by allowing increased investment in human capital (Galor 2005).

Fertility also has an effect on the population's age structure, due to the fact that decreases in fertility decrease the dependency ratio of youth, which increases the current per capita GDP (Bloom, Canning et al. 2009). In addition to the effect on the age structure, there is a behavioral change of lower fertility owing to the number of women in the work force; a reduction in fertility introduces an increased amount of free time away from child care, which results in an increase in female labor supply. Female labor supply is a function of wage rates of men and women, the infant mortality rate, type of residence (urban versus rural), and women's fertility choice (Bloom, Canning et al. 2009).

PROBLEM

Although the literature in this field is extensive, the models developed mainly involve inflows to the labor force and population, with very weak explanatory variables dealing with outflow from the labor force (Barlow 1994; Hondroyiannis and Papapetrou 2005). Another problem encountered in the literature is the lack of empirical studies on the effects of population growth on economic development, especially of the United States. Even though some of the models utilized are very sophisticated, both statistically and econometrically, they show a glaring weakness in incorporating what theoretically are significant influences (i.e., adjusted ADR, immigration effects, etc).

A particular clear example of a shortcoming in variable definition is the ADR, which uses the ratio of dependents (those below the age of 15 or above the age of 65) to the working age populace (those between the ages of 15 and 65) (Hondroyiannis and Papapetrou 2005). This simple variable has significant explanatory power in understanding the effects of an aging population, but it is not very versatile. The ADR is defined without allowing for different behavior during recessions. That is, the elderly tend to work longer (i.e. they retire later) during recessions to offset their income-losses.

Due to the fact that the United States is a developed country, it has been shown that the United States does not follow the conventional standards of variable significance. Specifically, the Lagged Fertility should contribute positively to the growth of a country. However, due to the vast and lengthy recessions, the Lagged Fertility is actually contributing negatively. This is simply due to the fact that those born 18 years ago are still not contributing positively. In order to

counteract this, we have added Unemployment to the model as a variable. As this method is merely a stopgap to better understand our model, some thought must be given to the analysis of Lagged Fertility in developed countries going through periods of recession and possibly a new convention will arise.

The questions that will be addressed in this thesis deal with the ADR, the prevalence of women in the work force and a comparison between the effects of an increased number of women in the work force and fertility. Specifically, the questions asked are:

- 1) Does adjusting the upper age limit in the Age Dependency Ratio during recession periods improve our ability to explain per capita GDP growth?
- 2) Are increased labor force participation rates of women associated with higher growth rates of GDP?
- 3) Do increased labor force participation rates of women in the work force outweigh the effects of lower fertility rates in the general population?

The goal of this thesis is to answer these questions using statistical models to explain the significance and explanatory power of the variables proposed.

The significance of this research is of great importance, especially to policy makers. Understanding what demographic characteristics influence the economic development of the United States will assist policy makers in creating policies that promote the economic well-being of the country. For instance, is the effect of an aging population so significant that legislation should be passed to raise the retirement age? Is the current fertility rate low enough to be problematic for future generations? This research will not address and answer all of the questions

about population growth and economic development, but it will contribute to the growing wealth of information on these effects, and ultimately could contribute to the decision making process of the policy makers.

Although this research will not answer every question about population growth and economic development - it will provide some crucial groundwork for later research by developing a more sophisticated model depicting the effects of population growth on economic development. The empirical model established will likely be useable by researchers attempting to understand the same relationships for other countries besides the U.S.

DATA

The data were obtained from the World Bank's Data Catalog and the U.S. Census Bureau. The World Bank provided the following data: GDP Growth per Capita, Population Growth, Fertility, Age Dependency Ratio (calculated using the above defined age limits), Unemployment and Percent of Women in the Work Force. The population data used in calculating the adjusted Age Dependency Ratios was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, provided was a sum total of United State's Citizens listed by age every year. The adjusted Age Dependency Ratios were calculated by summing those between the ages of 0 and 14 and those over the upper limit, which ranged from 65-70 for our calculations. The data presented from World Bank were compared to our calculations for the base ADR to ensure calculations were identical. Following the calculation, we performed more work on the ADR data to prepare it for use in the models. Since the research question (1) from above asks if adjusting the ADR during periods of recession has an impact, a listing of recessions occurring in the United States between 1970 and 2009 was obtained from the National Bureau of Economics (Research., 2010 #46), then for those years in which a recession occurred the adjusted ADR was used instead of the base ADR. Similarly the lagged fertility variable used the World Bank data for fertility on a 17 year lag. Below is a table listing all variables used in the models, along with a brief description. See Appendix B for descriptive Statistics.

Table 1 - Variable Description

| Dependent or Independent? | Variable Name | Description |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Dependent | GDP Growth Per Capita | Annual Growth of United States' Gross Domestic Product per Capita measured in Percent |
| Independent | Fertility | Expected Births per Woman in Lifetime |
| Independent | Lagged Fertility | Fertility rate lagged 17 years |
| Independent | Unemployment | Annual Unemployment Rate measured in Percent |
| Independent | Population Growth | Annual Growth of the United States' Population measured in Percent |
| Independent | Percent of Women | Percent of Women Employed measured in Percent |
| Independent | Unmodified ADR | The ratio of population between the ages of 0-14, or 65+ to those between the ages of 15-64 |
| Independent | ADR65 | Age Dependency Ratio calculated using 15-65 |
| Independent | ADR66 | Age Dependency Ratio calculated using 15-66 |
| Independent | ADR67 | Age Dependency Ratio calculated using 15-67 |
| Independent | ADR68 | Age Dependency Ratio calculated using 15-68 |
| Independent | ADR69 | Age Dependency Ratio calculated using 15-69 |
| Independent | ADR70 | Age Dependency Ratio calculated using 15-70 |

It is understood that the relationships among these variables may exhibit some endogenous and exogenous characteristics that will not be reflected in a standard Ordinary Least Squares regression procedure. However, this is a preliminary analysis from which we will obtain a rudimentary understanding for use in further analysis and experimentation. Below is a time series plot indicating the complex relationships among the fertility rate, percentage of women in the work force, GDP per capita growth and unemployment rate variables (defined in Table 1)

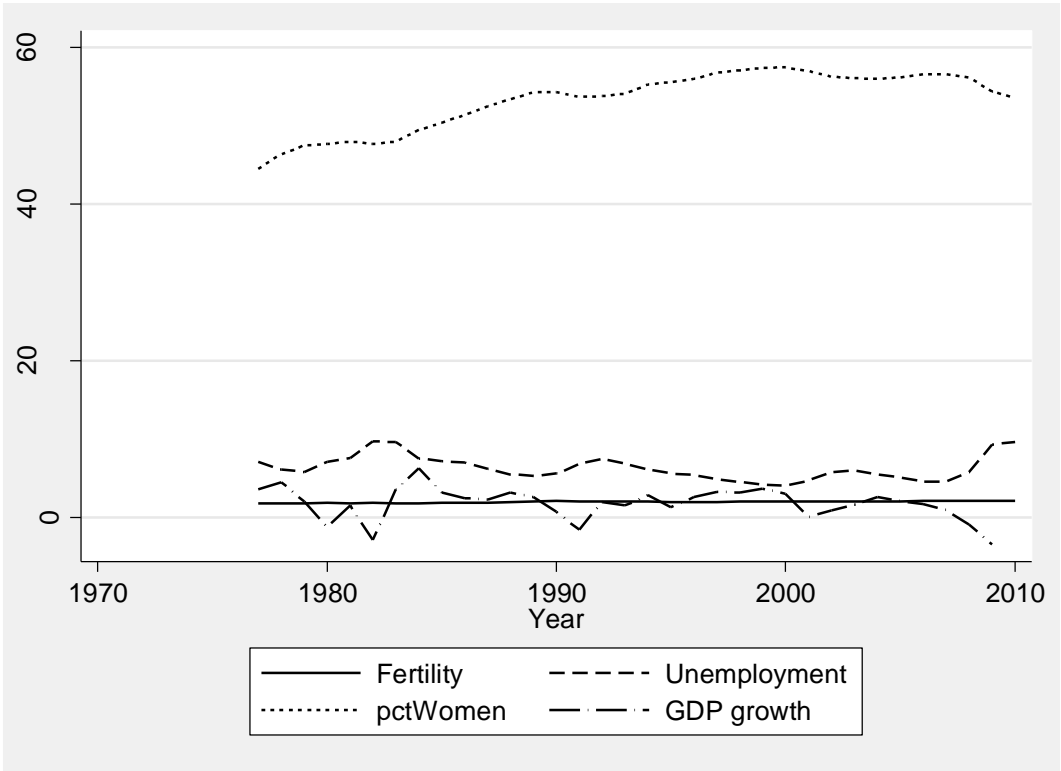


Table 2 – Time Series Plot

MODEL AND METHODOLOGY

When analyzing this data in Stata, we used several different procedures. The primary model upon which we make the inferences is an Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) Regression model with Newey-West Standard Errors. Due to the fact that our data is heavily time series related, there is a problem with autocorrelation. Autocorrelation causes biased and inconsistent estimates of the coefficient standard errors; it does not affect the point estimator or its estimates. The Newey-West procedure adjusts the estimator of those standard errors to give the correct estimated values. Since the methods of comparing models, R^2 , AIC, and BIC are based on the data, we are able to use OLS Regression without Newey-West Standard Errors to make inferences about which model is best. The procedure for model selection came down to a two step process: first, perform an OLS Regression and note the R^2 , AIC, and BIC; second, perform an OLS Regression with Newey-West Standard Errors. The base model for comparison is provided below; all variables are defined in Table 1. The motivation for the variables incorporated in this model is based on past models in the literature, specifically Barlow, Brander and Hondroyiannis. The initial model is then given by,

Model 1
$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_1 + \beta_2 x_2 + \beta_3 x_3 + \beta_4 x_4 + \beta_5 x_5$$

where

| |
|--|
| y_t is the growth rate of GDP per Capita at time t |
| x_1 is the fertility rate at time t |

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|--|
| x_2 is the lagged fertility rate at time t |
| x_3 is the unemployment rate at time t |
| x_4 is the labor force participation rate of women at time t |
| x_5 is the unmodified Age Dependency Ratio at time t |

```
. regress gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Model | 82.4782584 | 5 | 16.4956517 | Number of obs = | 33 | |
| Residual | 52.132195 | 27 | 1.93082204 | F(5, 27) = | 8.54 | |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Prob > F = | 0.0001 | |
| | | | | R-squared = | 0.6127 | |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5410 | |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3895 | |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| unmodified~r | -.2894782 | .2523798 | -1.15 | 0.261 | -.8073188 | .2283623 |
| fertility | -18.79967 | 4.89297 | -3.84 | 0.001 | -28.83922 | -8.760124 |
| unemployment | -1.477516 | .3585031 | -4.12 | 0.000 | -2.213103 | -.7419283 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.775585 | 1.936214 | -2.98 | 0.006 | -9.748367 | -1.802803 |
| pctwomen | -.8025924 | .3962495 | -2.03 | 0.053 | -1.615629 | .0104444 |
| _cons | 118.4366 | 36.06986 | 3.28 | 0.003 | 44.42739 | 192.4459 |

Table 3 – Base Model

```
. newey gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)
```

```
Regression with Newey-West standard errors
maximum lag: 0
```

```
Number of obs = 33
F( 5, 27) = 11.54
Prob > F = 0.0000
```

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-West Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| unmodified~r | -.2894782 | .2292364 | -1.26 | 0.217 | -.7598324 | .180876 |
| fertility | -18.79967 | 5.070919 | -3.71 | 0.001 | -29.20434 | -8.395003 |
| unemployment | -1.477516 | .3638919 | -4.06 | 0.000 | -2.22416 | -.7308713 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.775585 | 1.959804 | -2.95 | 0.007 | -9.79677 | -1.754399 |
| pctwomen | -.8025924 | .3648123 | -2.20 | 0.037 | -1.551125 | -.0540594 |
| _cons | 118.4366 | 34.50011 | 3.43 | 0.002 | 47.64825 | 189.225 |

Since the data are Time Series, the natural question arises: Does creating a new variable by incorporating a lag into the dependent variable improve the fit of the model? After running a single lag on GDP Growth per Capita, see Model 2 in Appendix A, we concluded that it was not significant.

```
. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|--|
| Model | 90.3835372 | 6 | 15.0639229 | Number of obs = | 33 | |
| Residual | 44.2269161 | 26 | 1.70103524 | F(6, 26) = | 8.86 | |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 | |
| | | | | R-squared = | 0.6714 | |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5956 | |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3042 | |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.3000535 | .1391864 | -2.16 | 0.041 | -.5861551 | -.0139518 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .2369916 | -1.29 | 0.210 | -.7918456 | .1824409 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.654571 | -4.39 | 0.000 | -29.99927 | -10.86406 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3400684 | -4.66 | 0.000 | -2.282535 | -.8844943 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.840703 | -2.80 | 0.010 | -8.929128 | -1.361889 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3761534 | -1.81 | 0.082 | -1.454528 | .0918608 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 33.87768 | 3.42 | 0.002 | 46.16102 | 185.4342 |

Table 4 - Model 3 – Unmodified ADR

```
. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)
```

```
Regression with Newey-west standard errors          Number of obs =      33
maximum lag: 0                                     F( 6, 26) =      12.94
                                                    Prob > F =      0.0000
```

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.3000535 | .1289139 | -2.33 | 0.028 | -.5650398 | -.0350672 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .1816715 | -1.68 | 0.105 | -.6781335 | .0687287 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.161167 | -4.91 | 0.000 | -28.98507 | -11.87827 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3695835 | -4.28 | 0.000 | -2.343205 | -.823825 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.555333 | -3.31 | 0.003 | -8.34254 | -1.948476 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3014506 | -2.26 | 0.032 | -1.300974 | -.061693 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 25.29174 | 4.58 | 0.000 | 63.80968 | 167.7855 |

When comparing the fit criterion between the base model ($R^2 = .6217$) and model 3 ($R^2 = .6714$), it is clear that adding a two year lag on GDP Growth per Capita increases the fit of the

model. In all subsequent models, the new variable is included for consistency. The inclusion of a two year lag on GDP Growth per Capita yields the following adaptation to model 1

$$y_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1x_1 + \beta_2x_2 + \beta_3x_3 + \beta_4x_4 + \beta_5x_5 + \beta_6y_{t-2}$$

where all variables are consistent with equation 1, except for the inclusion of y_{t-2} which is representative of a two year lag on the dependent variable.

Now that we have built our base model to be used for comparisons, we have the tools to start answering the research questions. In order to ascertain whether modifying the upper age limit of the ADR is beneficial to this model, we must step through each model comparing the R^2 . Refer to Appendix B, models 4 through 10 to compare the R^2 . After examining the models (See Table 4), we see that Model 9 – ADR70 ($R^2 = .7446$) increases the explanatory power the most.

Table 5 - Adjusted ADR Fit

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| Model 3 – Unmodified ADR | $R^2 = .6714$ |
| Model 4 – ADR65 | $R^2 = .6552$ |
| Model 5 – ADR66 | $R^2 = .6859$ |
| Model 6 – ADR67 | $R^2 = .7111$ |
| Model 7 – ADR68 | $R^2 = .7269$ |
| Model 8 – ADR69 | $R^2 = .7374$ |
| Model 9 – ADR70 | $R^2 = .7446$ |

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr70 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|------------------------|--|--|
| Model | 100.236871 | 6 | 16.7061451 | Number of obs = 33 | | |
| Residual | 34.3735828 | 26 | 1.32206088 | F(6, 26) = 12.64 | | |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Prob > F = 0.0000 | | |
| | | | | R-squared = 0.7446 | | |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = 0.6857 | | |
| | | | | Root MSE = 1.1498 | | |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.1927634 | .1269981 | -1.52 | 0.141 | -.4538116 | .0682849 |
| adr70 | .191618 | .0619093 | 3.10 | 0.005 | .0643617 | .3188743 |
| fertility | -11.03183 | 4.961688 | -2.22 | 0.035 | -21.23072 | -.832934 |
| unemployment | -.8714704 | .2961815 | -2.94 | 0.007 | -1.48028 | -.2626606 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.563243 | 1.449096 | -1.08 | 0.291 | -4.541902 | 1.415416 |
| pctwomen | -.2096602 | .2789596 | -0.75 | 0.459 | -.7830699 | .3637495 |
| _cons | 34.60478 | 21.86391 | 1.58 | 0.126 | -10.33714 | 79.5467 |

Table 6 - Model 9 – ADR70

. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr70 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)

Regression with Newey-West standard errors
maximum lag: 0

Number of obs = 33
F(6, 26) = 13.73
Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-West Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.1927634 | .1831798 | -1.05 | 0.302 | -.5692948 | .183768 |
| adr70 | .191618 | .073389 | 2.61 | 0.015 | .0407648 | .3424712 |
| fertility | -11.03183 | 5.728547 | -1.93 | 0.065 | -22.80703 | .7433687 |
| unemployment | -.8714704 | .3000002 | -2.90 | 0.007 | -1.48813 | -.2548111 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.563243 | 1.304725 | -1.20 | 0.242 | -4.245144 | 1.118658 |
| pctwomen | -.2096602 | .2195691 | -0.95 | 0.348 | -.6609911 | .2416706 |
| _cons | 34.60478 | 21.261 | 1.63 | 0.116 | -9.09783 | 78.30739 |

In order to understand whether an increased number of women in the work force increase the fit of the model, we must refer back to Table 3 – Model 3. From there we notice that the p-value and test statistic associated with pctwomen (defined above) in the model using Newey-West Standard Errors is .032 and -2.26, respectively.

We employed a standardized coefficients approach in order to understand the differing impacts of fertility and the number of women in the work force. From the last column in table 6, we see that $|\beta_{Fertility}| = |-1.107336| < |\beta_{pctwomen}| = |-1.263725|$.

Table 7 - Beta Model

```
. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, beta
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 90.3835372 | 6 | 15.0639229 | Number of obs = | 33 |
| Residual | 44.2269161 | 26 | 1.70103524 | F(6, 26) = | 8.86 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 |
| | | | | R-squared = | 0.6714 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5956 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3042 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | Beta |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.3000535 | .1391864 | -2.16 | 0.041 | -.2756248 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .2369916 | -1.29 | 0.210 | -.1935754 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.654571 | -4.39 | 0.000 | -1.107336 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3400684 | -4.66 | 0.000 | -1.130103 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.840703 | -2.80 | 0.010 | -1.498603 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3761534 | -1.81 | 0.082 | -1.263725 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 33.87768 | 3.42 | 0.002 | . |

RESULTS

We see from the above models that adjusting the upper age limit of the ADR to 70 contributes to an increased explanatory power of the model. The implications of this result are significant to policy makers. As the United States ages, the current population cannot keep up with the Social Security program without some form of revamping. If policy makers use this result to adjust the minimum age for admittance into the Social Security program, it could prove to be a stop-gap until a more permanent solution arises. As the United States is a developed country, we see deviations from Barlow's model where he dealt with developing countries; the element of interest is lagged fertility contributing negatively to the United States economic development contrary to the positive effect shown in Barlow's research. Without further research, we can only present reasonable hypotheses as to why this occurs.

- 1) Due to the numerous and lengthy recessions over the past 30 years, the ability for citizens 18 years of age to immediately find work.
- 2) An increased demand for technical and skilled labor, citizens 18 years of age are staying in school longer
- 3) Fertility rates have been consistently decreasing as the United States economy reaches a state of equilibrium. So, as the economy continues growing, the fertility rates have been declining.

Initially one would intuitively suspect that an increased number of women in the work force to contribute positively to the economic growth of the United States. However, as evidenced by model 3, it is clear that an increased number of women are associated, though not

indicative of lulls in economic development. If we consider that women participate in the work force as a family decision, not an individual decision, we arrive at the conclusion that during times of economic growth more women are likely to return to work and will leave work as the economy reenters a period of growth. Thus, one could conclude that the number of women in the work force is not predictive, but reflective of economic growth. In future research it will be of interest to examine the effect of a lagged number of women in the work force to increase the predictive power.

Finally, to compare the effects of the number of women in the work force and the fertility variables, we employ a standardized coefficient regression. The beta coefficient output from Stata is obtained by standardizing the coefficient to follow a normal distribution with mean 0 and variance 1, particularly; it outputs a standardized Z-score. In order to compare the effects of the two variables, one must compare the absolute value of the two beta coefficients. Referring to Appendix B, Model 10 – Beta Model, we obtain

$$|\beta_{Fertility}| = |-1.107336| < |\beta_{pctwomen}| = |-1.263725|$$

from this we infer that the effect of the labor force participation of women in the work force outweighs the effect of lower fertility rates in the general population.

CONCLUSION

We have produced a new, more powerful model for explaining the GDP Growth per Capita in the United States. However, there are still many questions that remain unanswered. In future research it will be of great interest to examine several different facets of the proposed variables in more economic and statistical detail. On top of more in depth research, there are some questions that arose during this research that were unable to be answered here. Some ideas for future research include

- 1) Testing the lagged fertility variable in developed countries and explain the negative impact compared to Barlow's model.
- 2) Taking into consideration developed countries put higher value on attaining a higher education when calculating lagged fertility.
- 3) Is the current fertility rate going to be problematic as the United States continues aging?
- 4) Is the aging problem so significant that a stopgap should be put into place to raise the retirement age?
- 5) Understand the reasons behind women entering the work force, which will then lead to an increased understanding of the causality of a growing trend of more working women.

Although we have provided a stepping stone in the process for understanding what has an effect on the economic development of the United States, there are still a lot of questions that

remain in order to truly make predictions based on demographic criterion. We have laid the ground work here for other researchers to build upon.

APPENDIX A: MODELS

//Base Model

. regress gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 82.4782584 | 5 | 16.4956517 | F(5, 27) = | 8.54 |
| Residual | 52.132195 | 27 | 1.93082204 | Prob > F = | 0.0001 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.6127 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5410 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3895 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| unmodified~r | -.2894782 | .2523798 | -1.15 | 0.261 | -.8073188 | .2283623 |
| fertility | -18.79967 | 4.89297 | -3.84 | 0.001 | -28.83922 | -8.760124 |
| unemployment | -1.477516 | .3585031 | -4.12 | 0.000 | -2.213103 | -.7419283 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.775585 | 1.936214 | -2.98 | 0.006 | -9.748367 | -1.802803 |
| pctwomen | -.8025924 | .3962495 | -2.03 | 0.053 | -1.615629 | .0104444 |
| _cons | 118.4366 | 36.06986 | 3.28 | 0.003 | 44.42739 | 192.4459 |

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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|--------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -54.37001 | 6 | 120.74 | 129.7191 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

. newey gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)

Regression with Newey-West standard errors
 maximum lag: 0
 Number of obs = 33
 F(5, 27) = 11.54
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-West Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|--------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| unmodified~r | -.2894782 | .2292364 | -1.26 | 0.217 | -.7598324 | .180876 |
| fertility | -18.79967 | 5.070919 | -3.71 | 0.001 | -29.20434 | -8.395003 |
| unemployment | -1.477516 | .3638919 | -4.06 | 0.000 | -2.22416 | -.7308713 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.775585 | 1.959804 | -2.95 | 0.007 | -9.79677 | -1.754399 |
| pctwomen | -.8025924 | .3648123 | -2.20 | 0.037 | -1.551125 | -.0540594 |
| _cons | 118.4366 | 34.50011 | 3.43 | 0.002 | 47.64825 | 189.225 |

. //Model 1 - One period lag GDP Growth

. regress gdpgrowth l.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 86.0560703 | 6 | 14.3426784 | F(6, 26) = | 7.68 |
| Residual | 48.554383 | 26 | 1.86747627 | Prob > F = | 0.0001 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.6393 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5561 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3666 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| gdpgrowth L1. | -.2580668 | .1864451 | -1.38 | 0.178 | -.6413101 | .1251765 |

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unmodified~r | -.3592211 .2532681 -1.42 0.168 -.879821 .1613789
fertility | -20.25635 4.925776 -4.11 0.000 -30.38143 -10.13128
unemployment | -1.873715 .4541387 -4.13 0.000 -2.80721 -.9402195
laggedfert~y | -6.645061 2.005125 -3.31 0.003 -10.76665 -2.523468
pctwomen | -1.006553 .4166244 -2.42 0.023 -1.862937 -.1501692
_cons | 140.6732 38.94153 3.61 0.001 60.62778 220.7187

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-----
Model | obs ll(null) ll(model) df AIC BIC
-----+-----
. | 33 -70.02195 -53.19689 7 120.3938 130.8693
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```

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

```
. newey gdpgrowth l.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility
pctwomen, lag(0)
```

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Regression with Newey-West standard errors
maximum lag: 0
Number of obs = 33
F( 6, 26) = 6.74
Prob > F = 0.0002

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-----
gdpgrowth | Coef. Newey-West Std. Err. t P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
gdpgrowth L1. | -.2580668 .1774726 -1.45 0.158 -.622867 .1067334
unmodified~r | -.3592211 .2410429 -1.49 0.148 -.8546918 .1362497
fertility | -20.25635 5.233444 -3.87 0.001 -31.01385 -9.498856
unemployment | -1.873715 .5518436 -3.40 0.002 -3.008046 -0.7393841
laggedfert~y | -6.645061 2.377369 -2.80 0.010 -11.53181 -1.75831
pctwomen | -1.006553 .4644741 -2.17 0.040 -1.961293 -.0518128
_cons | 140.6732 44.00291 3.20 0.004 50.22397 231.1225
-----

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```
. //Model 2 - one and Two period lag GDP Growth
```

```
. regress gdpgrowth l.gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment
laggedfertility pctwomen
```

```

-----
Source | SS df MS
-----+-----
Model | 94.8731621 7 13.5533089
Residual | 39.7372912 25 1.58949165
Total | 134.610453 32 4.20657667
-----
Number of obs = 33
F( 7, 25) = 8.53
Prob > F = 0.0000
R-squared = 0.7048
Adj R-squared = 0.6221
Root MSE = 1.2608

```

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-----
gdpgrowth | Coef. Std. Err. t P>|t| [95% Conf. Interval]
-----+-----
gdpgrowth L1. | -.2899826 .1725425 -1.68 0.105 -.6453404 .0653753
L2. | -.3178676 .1349624 -2.36 0.027 -.5958278 -.0399074
unmodified~r | -.3839743 .233895 -1.64 0.113 -.86569 .0977414
fertility | -22.16539 4.616117 -4.80 0.000 -31.67247 -12.65832
unemployment | -2.035006 .4245367 -4.79 0.000 -2.909356 -1.160656
laggedfert~y | -6.085108 1.865093 -3.26 0.003 -9.926339 -2.243877
pctwomen | -.9033194 .3868583 -2.34 0.028 -1.700069 -.1065698
_cons | 140.6276 35.92648 3.91 0.001 66.63562 214.6196
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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -49.89038 | 8 | 115.7808 | 127.7528 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

```
. newey gdpgrowth l.gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment
laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)
```

```
Regression with Newey-west standard errors      Number of obs =      33
maximum lag: 0                                F( 7, 25) =      6.23
                                              Prob > F =      0.0003
```

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|--------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth | | | | | | |
| L1. | -.2899826 | .2090984 | -1.39 | 0.178 | -.7206288 | .1406636 |
| L2. | -.3178676 | .1279594 | -2.48 | 0.020 | -.5814049 | -.0543303 |
| unmodified~r | -.3839743 | .201545 | -1.91 | 0.068 | -.799064 | .0311153 |
| fertility | -22.16539 | 4.271624 | -5.19 | 0.000 | -30.96297 | -13.36782 |
| unemployment | -2.035006 | .6287737 | -3.24 | 0.003 | -3.32999 | -.7400222 |
| laggedfert~y | -6.085108 | 2.21091 | -2.75 | 0.011 | -10.63856 | -1.531654 |
| pctwomen | -.9033194 | .4489623 | -2.01 | 0.055 | -1.827975 | .0213359 |
| _cons | 140.6276 | 41.68744 | 3.37 | 0.002 | 54.77071 | 226.4845 |

```
. //Model 3 - Two Period lag GDP Growth
```

```
. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility
pctwomen
```

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 90.3835372 | 6 | 15.0639229 | F(6, 26) = | 8.86 |
| Residual | 44.2269161 | 26 | 1.70103524 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.6714 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5956 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3042 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth | | | | | | |
| L2. | -.3000535 | .1391864 | -2.16 | 0.041 | -.5861551 | -.0139518 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .2369916 | -1.29 | 0.210 | -.7918456 | .1824409 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.654571 | -4.39 | 0.000 | -29.99927 | -10.86406 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3400684 | -4.66 | 0.000 | -2.282535 | -.8844943 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.840703 | -2.80 | 0.010 | -8.929128 | -1.361889 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3761534 | -1.81 | 0.082 | -1.454528 | .0918608 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 33.87768 | 3.42 | 0.002 | 46.16102 | 185.4342 |

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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -51.6566 | 7 | 117.3132 | 127.7888 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

```
. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility
pctwomen, lag(0)
```

```
Regression with Newey-west standard errors      Number of obs =      33
maximum lag: 0                                F( 6, 26) =     12.94
```

Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.3000535 | .1289139 | -2.33 | 0.028 | -.5650398 | -.0350672 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .1816715 | -1.68 | 0.105 | -.6781335 | .0687287 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.161167 | -4.91 | 0.000 | -28.98507 | -11.87827 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3695835 | -4.28 | 0.000 | -2.343205 | -.823825 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.555333 | -3.31 | 0.003 | -8.34254 | -1.948476 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3014506 | -2.26 | 0.032 | -1.300974 | -.061693 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 25.29174 | 4.58 | 0.000 | 63.80968 | 167.7855 |

. //Model 4 - ADR65

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr65 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 88.1904798 | 6 | 14.6984133 | F(6, 26) = | 8.23 |
| Residual | 46.4199736 | 26 | 1.7853836 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.6552 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5756 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3362 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.280909 | .14445 | -1.94 | 0.063 | -.5778302 | .0160122 |
| adr65 | .1235955 | .2099328 | 0.59 | 0.561 | -.3079277 | .5551186 |
| fertility | -18.4667 | 5.235939 | -3.53 | 0.002 | -29.22933 | -7.704075 |
| unemployment | -1.2099 | .3767332 | -3.21 | 0.004 | -1.984286 | -.4355139 |
| laggedfert~y | -2.923652 | 1.967871 | -1.49 | 0.149 | -6.968669 | 1.121365 |
| pctwomen | -.2859498 | .3743232 | -0.76 | 0.452 | -1.055382 | .4834825 |
| _cons | 61.64586 | 35.65022 | 1.73 | 0.096 | -11.63423 | 134.9259 |

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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -52.45514 | 7 | 118.9103 | 129.3858 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr65 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)

Regression with Newey-west standard errors
maximum lag: 0

Number of obs = 33
F(6, 26) = 11.77
Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.280909 | .1670065 | -1.68 | 0.105 | -.6241958 | .0623778 |
| adr65 | .1235955 | .2082544 | 0.59 | 0.558 | -.3044777 | .5516686 |
| fertility | -18.4667 | 5.457625 | -3.38 | 0.002 | -29.68501 | -7.248394 |
| unemployment | -1.2099 | .3645631 | -3.32 | 0.003 | -1.95927 | -.46053 |
| laggedfert~y | -2.923652 | 1.660219 | -1.76 | 0.090 | -6.336281 | .4889761 |

| | | | | | | |
|----------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|----------|
| pctwomen | -.2859498 | .2897498 | -0.99 | 0.333 | -.8815391 | .3096395 |
| _cons | 61.64586 | 31.09919 | 1.98 | 0.058 | -2.279441 | 125.5712 |

. //Model 5 - ADR66

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr66 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = 33 | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|--------------------|--------|--|
| Model | 92.332593 | 6 | 15.3887655 | F(6, 26) = | 9.46 | |
| Residual | 42.2778604 | 26 | 1.62607155 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 | |
| | | | | R-squared = | 0.6859 | |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.6134 | |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Root MSE = | 1.2752 | |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.24152 | .1395325 | -1.73 | 0.095 | -.5283333 | .0452932 |
| adr66 | .258742 | .1512133 | 1.71 | 0.099 | -.0520814 | .5695653 |
| fertility | -14.9781 | 5.322158 | -2.81 | 0.009 | -25.91795 | -4.038245 |
| unemployment | -.9715815 | .3566876 | -2.72 | 0.011 | -1.704763 | -.2383996 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.775564 | 1.802724 | -0.98 | 0.334 | -5.481116 | 1.929989 |
| pctwomen | -.1472304 | .336766 | -0.44 | 0.666 | -.839463 | .5450021 |
| _cons | 36.53665 | 30.94522 | 1.18 | 0.248 | -27.07217 | 100.1455 |

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| Model | obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -50.91295 | 7 | 115.8259 | 126.3014 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr66 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)

Regression with Newey-West standard errors
 maximum lag: 0
 Number of obs = 33
 F(6, 26) = 12.13
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.24152 | .1873034 | -1.29 | 0.209 | -.6265277 | .1434877 |
| adr66 | .258742 | .1712212 | 1.51 | 0.143 | -.0932081 | .6106921 |
| fertility | -14.9781 | 6.041044 | -2.48 | 0.020 | -27.39564 | -2.560553 |
| unemployment | -.9715815 | .3582246 | -2.71 | 0.012 | -1.707923 | -.2352404 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.775564 | 1.63287 | -1.09 | 0.287 | -5.131976 | 1.580849 |
| pctwomen | -.1472304 | .2644237 | -0.56 | 0.582 | -.6907612 | .3963003 |
| _cons | 36.53665 | 30.82101 | 1.19 | 0.247 | -26.81684 | 99.89014 |

. //Model 6 - ADR67

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr67 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = 33 | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|--------------------|--------|--|
| Model | 95.7204043 | 6 | 15.9534007 | F(6, 26) = | 10.67 | |
| Residual | 38.890049 | 26 | 1.49577112 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 | |
| | | | | R-squared = | 0.7111 | |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.6444 | |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Root MSE = | 1.223 | |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.2181363 | .1345236 | -1.62 | 0.117 | -.4946535 | .0583809 |
| adr67 | .2611783 | .1118984 | 2.33 | 0.028 | .0311679 | .4911888 |
| fertility | -13.00203 | 5.219772 | -2.49 | 0.019 | -23.73142 | -2.272633 |
| unemployment | -.8915726 | .3327291 | -2.68 | 0.013 | -1.575507 | -.2076383 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.480554 | 1.654102 | -0.90 | 0.379 | -4.880609 | 1.9195 |
| pctwomen | -.1406916 | .3103563 | -0.45 | 0.654 | -.7786381 | .4972549 |
| _cons | 31.09609 | 27.05655 | 1.15 | 0.261 | -24.51944 | 86.71163 |

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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -49.53478 | 7 | 113.0696 | 123.5451 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr67 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)

Regression with Newey-west standard errors Number of obs = 33
maximum lag: 0 F(6, 26) = 12.60
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.2181363 | .1903216 | -1.15 | 0.262 | -.609348 | .1730754 |
| adr67 | .2611783 | .1314231 | 1.99 | 0.058 | -.0089657 | .5313224 |
| fertility | -13.00203 | 6.07105 | -2.14 | 0.042 | -25.48125 | -.5228065 |
| unemployment | -.8915726 | .3383438 | -2.64 | 0.014 | -1.587048 | -.1960971 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.480554 | 1.510222 | -0.98 | 0.336 | -4.58486 | 1.623751 |
| pctwomen | -.1406916 | .2415208 | -0.58 | 0.565 | -.6371447 | .3557615 |
| _cons | 31.09609 | 27.40366 | 1.13 | 0.267 | -25.23293 | 87.42511 |

. //Model 7 - ADR68

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr68 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = 33 | | |
|----------|------------|----|------------|--------------------|--------|--|
| Model | 97.844286 | 6 | 16.307381 | F(6, 26) = | 11.53 | |
| Residual | 36.7661674 | 26 | 1.41408336 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 | |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.7269 | |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.6638 | |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.1892 | |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.2055898 | .131088 | -1.57 | 0.129 | -.4750451 | .0638655 |
| adr68 | .2371927 | .0880031 | 2.70 | 0.012 | .0562998 | .4180856 |
| fertility | -11.98894 | 5.112952 | -2.34 | 0.027 | -22.49876 | -1.479116 |
| unemployment | -.8707341 | .3159877 | -2.76 | 0.011 | -1.520256 | -.2212122 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.454531 | 1.558269 | -0.93 | 0.359 | -4.657599 | 1.748537 |
| pctwomen | -.1626759 | .2950259 | -0.55 | 0.586 | -.7691103 | .4437584 |
| _cons | 31.35879 | 24.59523 | 1.27 | 0.214 | -19.19742 | 81.91501 |

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. estat ic
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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -48.60813 | 7 | 111.2163 | 121.6918 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

```
. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr68 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)
```

Regression with Newey-West standard errors
 maximum lag: 0
 Number of obs = 33
 F(6, 26) = 13.03
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-West Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.2055898 | .188347 | -1.09 | 0.285 | -.5927427 | .1815631 |
| adr68 | .2371927 | .1042864 | 2.27 | 0.031 | .022829 | .4515564 |
| fertility | -11.98894 | 5.958327 | -2.01 | 0.055 | -24.23646 | .2585778 |
| unemployment | -.8707341 | .3216136 | -2.71 | 0.012 | -1.53182 | -.2096479 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.454531 | 1.418721 | -1.03 | 0.315 | -4.370753 | 1.461691 |
| pctwomen | -.1626759 | .2304503 | -0.71 | 0.487 | -.6363732 | .3110214 |
| _cons | 31.35879 | 24.65209 | 1.27 | 0.215 | -19.31429 | 82.03188 |

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. //Model 8 - ADR69
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. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr69 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen
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| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 99.2634842 | 6 | 16.543914 | F(6, 26) = | 12.17 |
| Residual | 35.3469691 | 26 | 1.35949881 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.7374 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.6768 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.166 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.1976997 | .1287009 | -1.54 | 0.137 | -.4622481 | .0668488 |
| adr69 | .2123067 | .0723955 | 2.93 | 0.007 | .0634956 | .3611178 |
| fertility | -11.39158 | 5.02815 | -2.27 | 0.032 | -21.72709 | -1.056071 |
| unemployment | -.8687209 | .3042182 | -2.86 | 0.008 | -1.49405 | -.2433914 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.506078 | 1.492698 | -1.01 | 0.322 | -4.574362 | 1.562206 |
| pctwomen | -.1888217 | .285226 | -0.66 | 0.514 | -.775112 | .3974687 |
| _cons | 32.98053 | 22.9502 | 1.44 | 0.163 | -14.19429 | 80.15534 |

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. estat ic
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| Model | Obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -47.95861 | 7 | 109.9172 | 120.3928 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

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. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr69 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)
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Regression with Newey-west standard errors
 maximum lag: 0

Number of obs = 33
 F(6, 26) = 13.41
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.1976997 | .1856457 | -1.06 | 0.297 | -.5792999 | .1839006 |
| adr69 | .2123067 | .0859913 | 2.47 | 0.020 | .035549 | .3890644 |
| fertility | -11.39158 | 5.835786 | -1.95 | 0.062 | -23.38721 | .6040482 |
| unemployment | -.8687209 | .3090951 | -2.81 | 0.009 | -1.504075 | -.2333669 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.506078 | 1.351969 | -1.11 | 0.275 | -4.28509 | 1.272934 |
| pctwomen | -.1888217 | .2239031 | -0.84 | 0.407 | -.649061 | .2714177 |
| _cons | 32.98053 | 22.65798 | 1.46 | 0.157 | -13.59363 | 79.55468 |

. //Model 9 - ADR70

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr70 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 100.236871 | 6 | 16.7061451 | F(6, 26) = | 12.64 |
| Residual | 34.3735828 | 26 | 1.32206088 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 |
| | | | | R-squared = | 0.7446 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.6857 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | Root MSE = | 1.1498 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|----------------------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.1927634 | .1269981 | -1.52 | 0.141 | -.4538116 | .0682849 |
| adr70 | .191618 | .0619093 | 3.10 | 0.005 | .0643617 | .3188743 |
| fertility | -11.03183 | 4.961688 | -2.22 | 0.035 | -21.23072 | -.832934 |
| unemployment | -.8714704 | .2961815 | -2.94 | 0.007 | -1.48028 | -.2626606 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.563243 | 1.449096 | -1.08 | 0.291 | -4.541902 | 1.415416 |
| pctwomen | -.2096602 | .2789596 | -0.75 | 0.459 | -.7830699 | .3637495 |
| _cons | 34.60478 | 21.86391 | 1.58 | 0.126 | -10.33714 | 79.5467 |

. estat ic

| Model | obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -47.49785 | 7 | 108.9957 | 119.4713 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth adr70 fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen,
 lag(0)

Regression with Newey-west standard errors
 maximum lag: 0

Number of obs = 33
 F(6, 26) = 13.73
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-west Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] | |
|------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.1927634 | .1831798 | -1.05 | 0.302 | -.5692948 | .183768 |
| adr70 | .191618 | .073389 | 2.61 | 0.015 | .0407648 | .3424712 |

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| fertility | -11.03183 | 5.728547 | -1.93 | 0.065 | -22.80703 | .7433687 |
| unemployment | -.8714704 | .3000002 | -2.90 | 0.007 | -1.48813 | -.2548111 |
| laggedfert~y | -1.563243 | 1.304725 | -1.20 | 0.242 | -4.245144 | 1.118658 |
| pctwomen | -.2096602 | .2195691 | -0.95 | 0.348 | -.6609911 | .2416706 |
| _cons | 34.60478 | 21.261 | 1.63 | 0.116 | -9.09783 | 78.30739 |

. //Model 10 - Beta Coefficient

. regress gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, beta

| Source | SS | df | MS | Number of obs = | 33 |
|----------|------------|----|------------|-----------------|--------|
| Model | 90.3835372 | 6 | 15.0639229 | F(6, 26) = | 8.86 |
| Residual | 44.2269161 | 26 | 1.70103524 | Prob > F = | 0.0000 |
| Total | 134.610453 | 32 | 4.20657667 | R-squared = | 0.6714 |
| | | | | Adj R-squared = | 0.5956 |
| | | | | Root MSE = | 1.3042 |

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Std. Err. | t | P> t | Beta |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.3000535 | .1391864 | -2.16 | 0.041 | -.2756248 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .2369916 | -1.29 | 0.210 | -.1935754 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.654571 | -4.39 | 0.000 | -1.107336 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3400684 | -4.66 | 0.000 | -1.130103 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.840703 | -2.80 | 0.010 | -1.498603 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3761534 | -1.81 | 0.082 | -1.263725 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 33.87768 | 3.42 | 0.002 | . |

. estat ic

| Model | obs | ll(null) | ll(model) | df | AIC | BIC |
|-------|-----|-----------|-----------|----|----------|----------|
| . | 33 | -70.02195 | -51.6566 | 7 | 117.3132 | 127.7888 |

Note: N=Obs used in calculating BIC; see [R] BIC note

. newey gdpgrowth l2.gdpgrowth unmodifiedadr fertility unemployment laggedfertility pctwomen, lag(0)

Regression with Newey-West standard errors
 maximum lag: 0
 Number of obs = 33
 F(6, 26) = 12.94
 Prob > F = 0.0000

| gdpgrowth | Coef. | Newey-West Std. Err. | t | P> t | [95% Conf. Interval] |
|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| gdpgrowth L2. | -.3000535 | .1289139 | -2.33 | 0.028 | -.5650398 - .0350672 |
| unmodified~r | -.3047024 | .1816715 | -1.68 | 0.105 | -.6781335 .0687287 |
| fertility | -20.43167 | 4.161167 | -4.91 | 0.000 | -28.98507 -11.87827 |
| unemployment | -1.583515 | .3695835 | -4.28 | 0.000 | -2.343205 -.823825 |
| laggedfert~y | -5.145508 | 1.555333 | -3.31 | 0.003 | -8.34254 -1.948476 |
| pctwomen | -.6813336 | .3014506 | -2.26 | 0.032 | -1.300974 -.061693 |
| _cons | 115.7976 | 25.29174 | 4.58 | 0.000 | 63.80968 167.7855 |

APPENDIX B: SUMMARY STATISTICS

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. summarize year unmodifiedadr adr65 adr66 adr67 adr68 adr69 adr70 fertility
laggedfertility unemployment pctwomen gdpgrowth if year > 1976
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| Variable | Obs | Mean | Std. Dev. | Min | Max |
|--------------|-----|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| year | 34 | 1993.5 | 9.958246 | 1977 | 2010 |
| unmodified~r | 34 | 51.14086 | 1.313688 | 48.98856 | 53.20976 |
| adr65 | 34 | 50.59788 | 1.765318 | 47.24364 | 53.20976 |
| adr66 | 34 | 50.08768 | 2.395611 | 45.58851 | 53.20976 |
| adr67 | 34 | 49.60895 | 3.059946 | 44.04935 | 53.20976 |
| adr68 | 34 | 49.16474 | 3.705313 | 42.61328 | 53.20976 |
| adr69 | 34 | 48.74118 | 4.334495 | 41.2435 | 53.20976 |
| adr70 | 34 | 48.3469 | 4.929555 | 39.94954 | 53.20976 |
| fertility | 34 | 1.9653 | .1120184 | 1.76 | 2.1132 |
| laggedfert~y | 34 | 2.249735 | .5896263 | 1.738 | 3.654 |
| unemployment | 34 | 6.3 | 1.554856 | 4 | 9.7 |
| pctwomen | 34 | 53.29118 | 3.746462 | 44.5 | 57.5 |
| gdpgrowth | 33 | 1.790203 | 2.050994 | -3.46688 | 6.271139 |

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