

The Generation Game: Lifetime Gifts, Family Relationships and Inequality

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Pre-seminar Quiz

Please answer the questions in italics after reading through the vignettes

Vignette 1: should parents help to pay a student's living expenses?

If a young person receives a student loan to cover their living expenses while at university but struggles to make ends meet, do you think that their parents should or shouldn't help them financially?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 said parents should help here?

Vignette 2: should parents pay off a young person's debts?

If a young person runs up £1,000 in debts, do you think that parents should pay off the debts, even if it means some financial hardship for them?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 said parents should help here?

Vignette 3 Should a young couple borrow for a deposit?

Suppose a young couple needs an extra £2,000 for the deposit on their first home and they cannot borrow money from a bank, building society or loan company. Should they wait to buy a home until they have got enough money or see if they can borrow it from relatives?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 said the young couple should wait until they have enough money?

Vignette 4: Providing accommodation to a young family returning from abroad

Suppose that a couple with a young child returned from working abroad and can't afford to buy or rent anywhere to live until one of them gets a job. Should any of their relatives offer to have the family in their own home for the next few months?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 answered 'yes' to this question?

Vignette 5: Providing accommodation to a family following eviction

A couple with children aged 9 and 14 have been evicted because they could not pay their rent. They cannot get a council flat and cannot afford a private one. Should relatives give them a home for the next six months or so?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 answered 'yes' to this question?

Vignette 6: Should a couple with young children try to borrow money for a holiday?

A young couple with children aged 2 and 4 have not been able to have a holiday since the children were born. They want a two week holiday but cannot afford it. Should they: Try to borrow from the bank or some other organisation; Try to borrow the money from relatives; Do without the holiday?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 said they should do without the holiday?

Vignette 7: Should relatives offer to pay a contribution to private nursing costs?

If an elderly person wants to go into a private nursing home to live, but can only afford part of the price, do you think that relatives should offer to provide the rest of the money that is needed?

What percentage of the British public in 2014 answered 'yes' to this question?