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# YOUR LAST NAME DETERMINES YOUR RESEARCH SUCCESS

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What's in a name? [Liran Einav and Leeat Yariv 2006](#) write

Faculty with earlier surname initials are significantly more likely to receive tenure at top ten economics departments, are significantly more likely to become fellows of the Econometric Society, and, to a lesser extent, are more likely to receive the Clark Medal and the Nobel Prize. These statistically significant differences remain the same even after we control for country of origin, ethnicity, religion or departmental fixed effects.

Somebody should have told me that earlier!

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