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STORKS AND BABIES

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It cannot be said loud enough – storks deliver babies.

Storks Deliver Babies ($p = 0.008$)

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Summary

This article shows that a highly statistically significant correlation exists between stork populations and human birth rates across Europe. While storks may not deliver babies, unthinking interpretation of correlation and p -values can certainly deliver unreliable conclusions.

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