

Comprehensive Study of Behavior and Attitudes among Youth in Contemporary Japan

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【Outline of survey】

This study examines education, employment, marriage and attitudes among youth by conducting a panel survey of the youth population. The study begins with the notion that the traditional research framework cannot adequately understand drastic changes which took place in the educational and career trajectories of the youth and in the family formation. The study aims to analyze the behavior and attitudes among the youth from the four analytic framework: (1) transition from school to work, (2) employment behavior, (3) independence from the family, marriage and family formation, and (4) behavior and attitudes. The study is unique because it follows up the youth population for a number of years by conducting a panel survey and it employs inter-disciplinary approach by examining the youth from diverse perspectives including, education (sociology of education), employment (labor economics), family (demography and sociology of the family), and attitudes (social psychology).

【Expected results】

Youth's employment behavior and marriage and family formation have shown drastic changes in recent years. The increased part-time employment and non-willingness to work, as well as the delayed independence and marriage, have attracted the attention of the public. This study aims to provide basic empirical facts about the behavior and attitudes of the youth that can be used as the basis for governmental policies regarding youth employment and family formation.

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