

4th paper

3-5 pages, double-spaced, 12-pt font, 1-inch margins,
due at the beginning of class on Wednesday 11/5/08

Note: must be handed in by class in order for the peer review system to work—if you are going to miss class, make sure you make an arrangement with me regarding turning in your paper and picking up someone else's paper to review.

papers are graded on writing quality as well as on content

Interview at least 8 Wesleyan students, divided equally by sex, who have a declared major or definite plans to declare a particular major. They must not have already been interviewed by another person from our class, and must not be in our class.

Ask them the following questions:

- 1) How did you decide whether or not to attend a 4-year college?
- 2) How did you decide which college to attend?
- 3) How did you decide what major to choose?
- 4) What are your career plans, including possible graduate training?
- 5) What are your family plans, as in are you planning to have children, and if yes, do you plan to quit or reduce paid work when they are young?
- 6) Ask them directly, if they haven't already discussed this, whether their choice of major was influenced by their family plans.

Summarize your findings, particularly with regard to differences by sex, and discuss whether or not they lend support to the human capital model. Also discuss whether or not you think your results are similar to what a survey of all U.S. college students would find.

Note: This paper will be peer reviewed. In order to maintain a double-blind procedure, put only your student ID number on this paper, not your name. Give no details in the paper that would identify yourself to your peer reviewer.