

Corrigendum, “The Power of TV”, July 2012

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It has been helpfully brought to our attention that there were two small coding errors in our use of the DISE data in our 2009 QJE paper “The Power of TV: Television and Women’s Status in India.” The errors were:

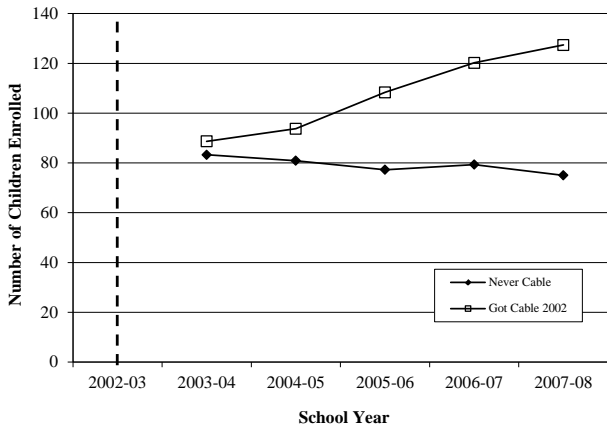
1. We had included 5 years olds in the under 10 group, but not the overall under 14 group in years 2005-2007 . This resulted in, in some cases, us calculating a negative number of 11 to 14 year olds. Since we took the log, these cases were then dropped from the analysis.
2. In calculating the total fixed cohort in 2007-2008 we had included 10-year-olds and 12-year-olds rather than 11 and 12 year olds.

In the end, this resulted in small changes to Figure 7 and Columns 1, 2, 5 and 6 of Table 6. Updated versions of this figure and table appear below. The quantitative changes are small. One figure (Panel B, Column 1) was significant at the 10% level and is now not significant. Two others (Panel C, columns 5 and 6) are now larger in magnitude and significant. Our overall conclusions are unchanged by this. The other results with the DISE data (Columns 3 and 4 of Table 6 and Appendix tables in which we analyze data by class rather than age) are unaffected.

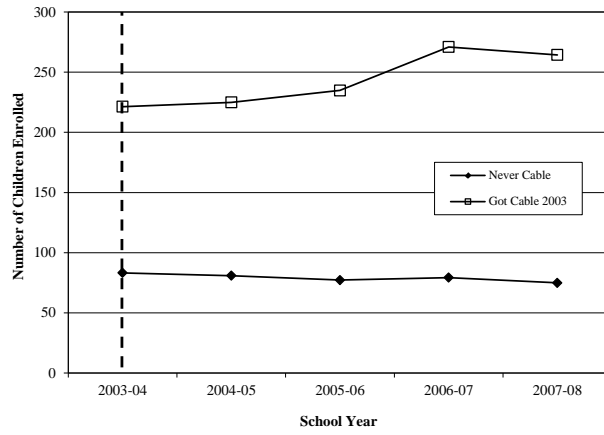
We sincerely regret the errors.

Figure VII:

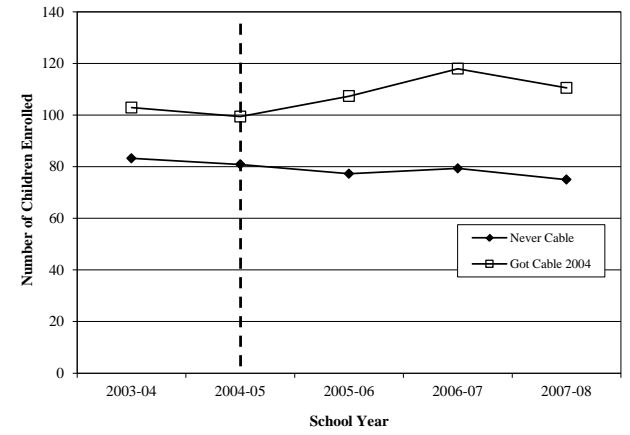
**School Enrollment, 2002 Adopters
Fixed Cohort, Ages 6-7 in 2002**



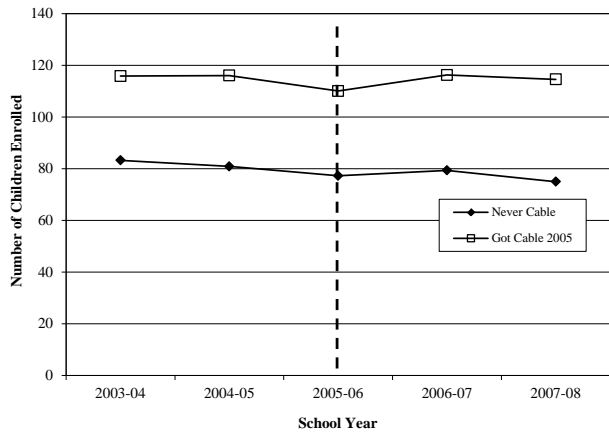
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Fixed Cohort, Ages 6-7 in 2002**



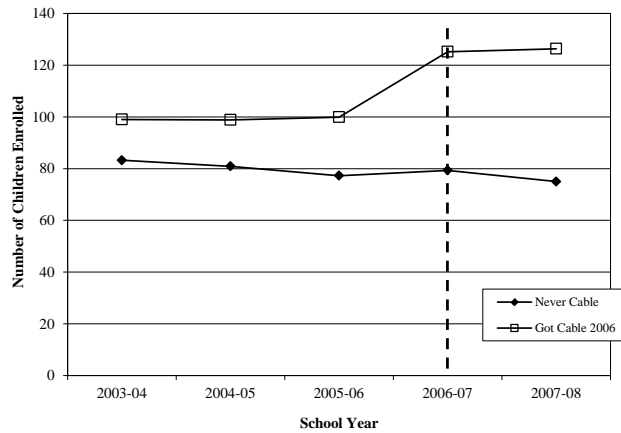
**School Enrollment, 2004 Adopters
Fixed Cohort, Ages 6-7 in 2002**



**School Enrollment, 2005 Adopters
Fixed Cohort, Ages 6-7 in 2002**



**School Enrollment, 2006 Adopters
Fixed Cohort, Ages 6-7 in 2002**



**School Enrollment, 2007 Adopters
Fixed Cohort, Ages 6-7 in 2002**

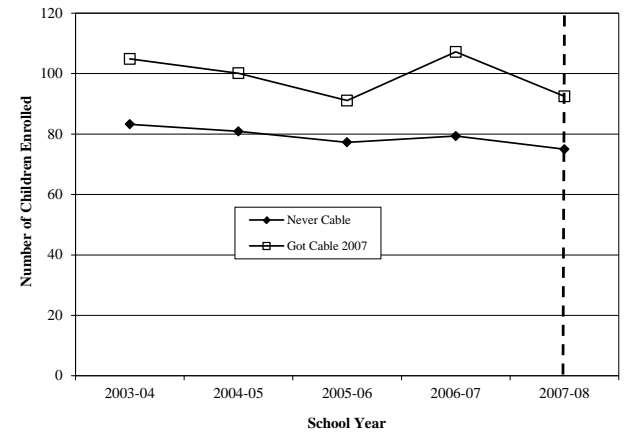


TABLE VI
Effect of Cable on Education in DISE Data

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
<i>Sample:</i>	<i>Fixed Cohort 6-7 in 2002</i>		<i>Ages 6-10</i>		<i>Ages 11-14</i>	
	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Boys</i>
Panel A: All Villages, No Block Trends						
Explanatory Variables:						
Village Has Cable	.0300 (.039)	.0180 (.039)	-.0142 (.015)	.0055 (.016)	-.034 (.046)	-.078* (.046)
# Years Access	.0353*** (.013)	.0345*** (.013)	.0095** (.005)	.0195*** (.005)	.010 (.014)	.0010 (.014)
Demographic Controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Block-Specific Trends	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Number of Observations	4287	4306	5165	5164	5162	5164
Panel B: Villages with Cable After 2002, No Block Trends						
Explanatory Variables:						
Village Has Cable	.038 (.040)	.0237 (.039)	-.0128 (.016)	.0032 (.017)	-.0218 (.046)	-.0723 (.046)
# Years Access	.0264 (.021)	.0526*** (.020)	.0004 (.008)	.0184** (.008)	-.016 (.021)	-.0132 (.021)
Demographic Controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Block-Specific Trends	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
Number of Observations	2428	2438	3025	3025	3024	3025
Panel C: All Villages, Block Trends						
Explanatory Variables:						
Village Has Cable	.0516 (.040)	.0353 (.040)	-.0075 (.016)	.0144 (.016)	-.013 (.016)	-.0654 (.047)
# Years Access	.0571*** (.015)	.0609*** (.016)	.0089* (.006)	.026*** (.006)	.0351** (.017)	.0279* (.017)
Demographic Controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Block-Specific Trends	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Number of Observations	4287	4306	5165	5164	5162	5164
Panel D: All Villages, Control for Pretrends						
Explanatory Variables:						
# Years Access	.0323*** (.014)	.0306*** (.014)	.0099** (.005)	.0209*** (.005)	.012 (.014)	-.0004 (.014)
# Years Until Access × -1	-.004 (.020)	-.011 (.021)	-.0016 (.008)	.0094 (.008)	-.001 (.024)	-.0294 (.024)
Demographic Controls	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
Block-Specific Trends	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
Number of Observations	4287	4306	5165	5164	5162	5164
CONTROLS IN ALL REGRESSIONS: Village fixed effects, year fixed effects and a linear control for year interacted with: population of children aged 6-14, distance to block headquarters, electricity in school.						
^a standard errors in parenthesis, adjusted for serial correlation						
* significant at 10%; ** significant at 5%; *** significant at 1%						
Notes: This table reports the effect of cable access on school enrollment in the DISE data from Tamil Nadu. Columns 1 and 2 use a fixed age cohort – 6-7 in 2002; Columns 3 and 4 use children under 10 in each year, and Columns 5 and 6 use children aged 11-14 in each year. Panel B excludes villages that got cable before 2002. Panel C includes block-specific trends (a block is an administrative unit larger than a village but smaller than a district). Panel D includes a control for years until cable access; this is multiplied by negative one, which means that if enrollment is increasing in anticipation of getting cable the coefficient on this variable will be positive.						