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Abstract

This paper investigates the causes of the positive correlation between happiness and the sex gap in happiness between women and men observed in Europe. Departing from a variety of hypotheses that are based on the sex differences at the individual level, this paper tests whether the positive correlation can be explained by the sex difference in life expectancy. The mechanisms working behind are as follows. First, national average happiness affects the sex gap in life expectancy negatively because men are more fragile to stress (unhappiness). Second, the sex difference in life expectancy influences the sex gap in happiness negatively because it affects the chance of being a widow for women. Using a 3SLS approach, it found that both effects are significant and that the direct effects between happiness and the happiness gap are insignificant. These results indicate that the positive correlation between happiness and the happiness gap is an artifact of the demographic compositional effect resulted from the sex gap in life expectancy.

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1 Introduction

A number of disparities between former communist European countries and the other European countries, often referred to as an "East-West divide", have been reported in various disciplines. One of the most famous East-West divide is the "mortality divide" (Bobak and Marmot, 1996). Life expectancies in Eastern European countries are found to be distinguishably lower than these of Western European countries.

There is also a divide in the sex difference in life expectancy. Men's low life expectancies in former communist countries result in large sex differences in life expectancies in these countries (see e.g. Watson, 1995; McKee and Shkolnikov, 2001).

Other instances of the East-West divides are found in happiness. For one thing, national average happiness, HP is generally lower in former communist countries. This is not surprising considering the political disorder and economic turmoil triggered by the fall of communism. Anther example is the difference of the average happiness level between women and men, HPGAP. The sex differences are relatively smaller in former communist countries. The levels and the sex differences of happiness are presented in Table 1 for sample countries for which the data are available in the latest survey (European and World Values Surveys, wave 4).¹

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Figure 1 displays the correlation between HP and HPGAP for all sample periods (EWVS, waves 2-4). As speculated from the trend that both the levels and sex differences are lower in former communist countries, they are positively correlated. However, the mechanism that connects these two variable is not yet understood. One possible explanation would be that women's happiness is more elastic to social surroundings, indicating that women's happiness rises more than men's happiness in happier environments. This seems to be consistent with an idea that women generally express their emotion more freely. In fact, happiness data show that the ratio of respondents who choose the top category of happiness and the ratio of those who choose the bottom category are both higher for women.

It is also possible to hypothesize that the positive correlation relates to gender-specific social norms that pressure women to be feminine and men to be masculine. Strict gender-specific social norms may be negatively affecting the happiness levels of both women and men, but women's happiness more significantly.

Among a variety of hypotheses, this study examines whether the positive correlation can be attributed to a demographic compositional factor caused

¹The details of data are described in Subsection 2.1 and in Appendix.

by the sex gap in life expectancy between women and men, LEGAP. The mechanisms connecting HP, HPGAP, and LEGAP are as follows. First, HP affects LEGAP negatively. This is because psychological stress (unhappiness) adversely affects survival and that the effect of psychological stress on mortality is more severe for men.² Weidner and Cain (2003) for example contend that the substantial increase in coronary heart disease observed in Eastern Europe after the fall of communism which resulted in the region's dramatic health deterioration is principally caused by psychosocial stress and that this has a bigger impact on men because men cope less effectively with stress. Also, Möller-Leimkühler (2003) argues that traditional masculinity prevents men from seeking help and that this is the reason why men cope less effectively with psychological stress and adopt maladaptive strategies such as excessive alcohol consumption. These findings suggest that HP adversely affects LEGAP, presuming psychological stress is reflected on HP.

Following this mechanism, LEGAP is expected to influence HPGAP (and HP as well) negatively. This is because an increase in LEGAP affects the composition of marital status by increasing the women's widowhood ratio. A change in LEGAP generates an impact at the socio-demographic level. Subsequently, as the happiness level is lower for the widowed, the compositional adjustment in marital status affects women's average happiness and HPGAP.

Each of these mechanisms is found to be significant in previous studies. Kageyama (2009) examined these relationships with an international crosscountry data set, and reported both that HP negatively affects LEGAP and that LEGAP negatively influences HPGAP.

Putting these two mechanisms together, it is expected that HP and HPGAP are positively correlated even though there is no direct relationship. The relationship presented in Figure 1 may be explained by these two mechanisms.

To test this hypothesis, LEGAP, HPGAP, and HP are simultaneously regressed on one another with 3SLS. If there exists a direct relationship between HP and HPGAP, the effect of HP on HPGAP (or the reverse effect) would be significant. Alternatively, if the relationship is merely an artifact of the demographic compositional effect caused by LEGAP, HPwould be significant on explaining LEGAP and LEGAP would be significant on explaining HPGAP, while HP and HPGAP are insignificant on explaining each other.

The remainder of this article is organized as follows. The regression strategies and the results are respectively presented in Section 2 and Section

 $^{^{2}}$ This does not necessarily mean that the level of psychological stress is higher for men. On the contrary, women face a higher risk of depression. See e.g. Mirowsky and Ross (1995).

3. The details of data, such as the definitions and data sources, are presented in Appendix. The main results are that the direct correlation between HPand HPGAP is spurious and that LEGAP is working as the intermediary connecting the two variables. In addition, it is demonstrated that being a former communist country is insignificant on explaining both the smaller HPGAP and the larger LEGAP observed in the region while it adversely affects HP. It is also suggested that others' survival may be more important than one's own survival prospect on explaining HP. Section 5 concludes.

2 Regression Strategies

2.1 Happiness Data

Happiness data used in this study are taken from the European and World Values Surveys, wave 2 (1989-93), 3 (1994-99) and 4 (1999-2004). Wave 1 is excluded because no communist country was in the sample. Among various questions, respondents are asked about the feeling of happiness. Following the statement, "Taking all things together, would you say you are...," they are asked to choose one from "Very happy (4)", "Quite happy (3)", "Not very happy (2)", and "Not at all happy (1)."

As the data are subjective, there are concerns whether the data satisfy the basic objectiveness that are crucial for comparative studies. Common issues include whether questioners are not influencing respondents' answers or whether wording is neutral. In addition, when the data are used at aggregate level across cultures and periods, other issues arise, such as whether respondents can correspond to the entire population or whether the definition of happiness is the same across societies and periods.

Despite these issues, happiness data have been used in a number of studies in various disciplines, including sociology, psychology, economics, political science, and demography, and provided meaningful insights in these fields. Following these literatures, this study utilizes happiness data, but with caution.

To construct the variables for regression analyses, the national average of happiness, HP, and the difference in happiness level between women and men, HPGAP, are calculated for each country in each wave (countrywave). The number of respondents is, on average, 1,323 (708 women and 616 men) per country-wave that at least contains the data with regard to age, sex, marital status (which can be separated into the married, the separated or divorced, the widowed, and the never married), and happiness. The maximum is 4,072 (2,180 women and 1,892 men) in Spain (wave 2), and the minimum 568 (272 women and 296 men) in Finland (wave 2). The number of countries included in each wave are respectively, 23 (wave 2), 19 (wave 3), and 27 (wave 4).

2.2 Data Set

The data set is the three-period panel with 69 observations (34 countries). For cross-country panels, a common method of estimation is to apply the fixed-effect model with country dummies. In this way, country dummies capture the unobservable country-specific effects. However, the present panel data set is heavily unbalanced. This implies that applying the fixed-effect model with country dummies is not realistic. Therefore, the data set is treated as a pooled data set. The details of data, such as the definitions and data sources, are presented in Appendix.

2.3 Regression Equations

To test whether the correlation between HP and HPGAP is explained by LEGAP, the following three equations are regressed simultaneously by 3SLS, treating LEGAP, HP, and HPGAP as endogenous.

RE (1): LEGAP on HP, LE, LYPC, LR, SMGAP, and FCD
RE (2): HPGAP on HP, LEGAP, UEGAP, and FCD
RE (3): HP on HPGAP, LEGAP, LE, LYPC, FT, and FCD

RE (1) examines the significance of HP on explaining LEGAP. Since lower HP raises men's mortality more than women's mortality, HP is expected to affect LEGAP negatively. The equation also includes the level of life expectancy for both sexes, LE, the log of purchasing-power-parity adjusted per-capita GDP, LYPC, women's labor force ratio, LR, the sex difference in smoking rate between women and men, SMGAP, as exogenous variables, since they are found to be significant in Kageyama (2009). The expected effects are negative for LE and SMGAP, and positive for LYPC and LR. In addition, former-communist-country dummy, FCD, is incorporated to test whether being a former communist country has a significant effect on explaining the large life expectancy gap in former communist countries.

RE (2) investigates the significance of HP and LEGAP on explaining HPGAP. If LEGAP is significant and HP is insignificant on explaining HPGAP, the relationship between HP and HPGAP would be merely an artifact of LEGAP. Alternatively, if both effects are found to be significant, the positive correlation between HP and HPGAP would be the mixed outcome of both effects. Finally, if HP is significant and LEGAP is insignificant, demographic factors related to LEGAP can not explain the positive correlation.

The equation also includes the sex difference in unemployment rate between women and men, UEGAP, and FCD as exogenous variables. UEGAP is expected to affect HPGAP negatively since being unemployed affects happiness negatively. As for FCD, the coefficient would be significantly negative if it explains the lower happiness gap in former communist countries.

RE (3) is included to test the significance of HPGAP on explaining HP.³ If HPGAP is significant on explaining HP, it suggests the existence of direct relationship between HP and HPGAP. Otherwise, the relationship is considered to be spurious. Other variables included in the equation are LEGAP, LE, LYPC, FT, and FCD. The level of unemployment itself is found to be insignificant and omitted. The expected effects are positive for LE, LYPC, and FT, and negative for LEGAP and FCD.

3 Regression Results

3.1 General Results

Table 2 presents the regression results. Equations (1) include all variables as well as period dummies, and equations (2) and (3) include only significant variables and are respectively regressed with 3SLS and 2SLS. Period dummies are insignificant in all three equations (the smallest *p*-value = 0.21), and thus, omitted. Applying 2SLS instead of 3SLS does not change the results significantly.

The results in RE (1) are consistent with previous studies such as Kageyama (2009). The coefficients of LE and SMGAP are significantly negative, and the coefficients of LYPC and LR are significantly positive. As for HP, the coefficient becomes significantly negative, in particular, at the 1% level when insignificant variables are omitted. FCD, on the other hand, is found to be insignificant.

In RE (2), the results are also consistent with our expectations. Both LEGAP and UEGAP become significant with the expected signs while HP and FCD are insignificant.

Finally, in RE (3), LEGAP, LYPC are found to be significant with the expected signs while HPGAP and LE are insignificant. As for FT and FCD, they are not significant at the 10% level in equation (1), but they become significant respectively at the 1% and 10% levels in equation (2).

3.2 Relationship between Happiness and Happiness Gap

With regard to the direct relationship between HP and HPGAP, the results indicate that the correlation is spurious. Equations (1) and (4) in RE (2) and equations (1) and (6) in RE (3) respectively show that HP is insignificant on explaining HPGAP and vice versa. As demonstrated in equations (5)

³The aim of regressing HP is to test the significance of HPGAP. As HP is inter-related with various variables, such as income, inequality, fertility, education, and institutional environments, and these relationships are complex, explaining the cross-country variation in HP would require its own study.

in RE (2) and (7) in RE (3), they are significant only when LEGAP is omitted. They lose significance with the inclusion of LEGAP.

Instead, the correlation between HP and HPGAP can be explained by LEGAP. In RE (1), the coefficient of HP is significantly negative on explaining LEGAP. This supports the hypothesis that psychological stress (unhappiness) adversely affects survival and that the effect of psychological stress on mortality is more severe for men. Subsequently, in RE (2), the coefficient of LEGAP becomes significantly negative on explaining HPGAP. This supports the existence of the marital-status compositional effect. These results indicate that LEGAP is working as the intermediary to connect HP and HPGAP. Namely, LEGAP becomes smaller in happier countries and smaller LEGAP contributes to smaller HPGAP.

3.3 East-West Divide

The analysis can be extended to test the existence of an East-West divide. In RE (3), equations (2) and (12) suggest the existence of the negative effect of FCD on HP. As in equation (2), the inclusion of LEGAP reduces the level of significance and makes the coefficient closer to zero, but it is still significant at the 10% level. Although FCD becomes insignificant at the 10% level when 2SLS is applied, the results here suggest that being a former communist country negatively affects happiness as 3SLS yields more efficient estimates.

On the other hand, in RE (1), FCD is found to be insignificant on explaining LEGAP. Although FCD is significant in equation (9) when HP is omitted, it loses the explanatory power with the inclusion of HP as shown in equation (8). Therefore, the large LEGAP in former communist countries can be attributed to the lower HP in these countries. Being a former communist country per se is not the cause of the large life expectancy gap. This is consistent with the findings in previous studies such as Weidner and Cain (2003) that one of the most crucial factors that attribute to the large life expectancy gap in Eastern Europe is psychological stress.

Finally, in RE (2), FCD is also found to be insignificant on explaining HPGAP. FCD is significant in equation (11) when LEGAP is omitted, but it becomes insignificant with the inclusion of LEGAP as shown in equation (10). Therefore, the differences in HPGAP between countries can be attributed directly to LEGAP and indirectly to HP while being a former communist country per se does not have any effects on HPGAP.

3.4 My life or Others' Lives?

Equation (14) in RE (3) shows that the coefficient of LE is significantly positive on explaining HP when LEGAP is omitted. This is intuitive. Although the directions of the causality may be mutual, HP and LE being

positively correlated is not a surprising result. However, the inclusion of LEGAP changes this result. As shown in equation (13), the coefficient of LE becomes negative with the inclusion of LEGAP although the significance level is lower.

The relationship between LE and HP needs to be investigated further before concluding that LE indeed affects HP negatively.⁴ There may be a mechanism that yield a negative relationship between LE and HP, or the explanatory power may be discarded as insignificant. Alternatively, the relationship may be indeed positive, and the negative correlation may be simply an artifact.

Although analyzing this relationship is beyond the scope of this paper, the result here presents the possibility that the positive effect of LE on HP(or life satisfaction) found in previous studies (e.g. Ovaska and Takashima, 2006; Deaton, 2008) could be inflated. HP may be more closely related to LEGAP than LE and the omission of LEGAP can possibly result in the strong positive correlation between LE and HP, reflecting the negative relationship between LE and LEGAP. Higher LE leads to smaller LEGAP, and smaller LEGAP results in higher HP.

This result is interesting because it suggests that, not only our own survival, but also the survival of others affects our happiness. Although it is often implicitly assumed in theoretical models that utility, or happiness, solely depends on one's own situation, not others' situation, the result here indicates that others' situation could possibly be more significant on explaining one's utility, or happiness.⁵ As demonstrated in Bernheim and Stark (1988), one's utility also depends on others' utility and this interdependency may have a significant impact on one's utility.

4 Concluding Remarks

This paper examines happiness in a demographic perspective. As presented in Figure 1, the correlation between happiness and the sex gap in happiness does not show any sign of demographic effects on the surface. However, there is a strong demographic effect underneath caused by the sex gap in life expectancy and the composition of marital status. The results indicate that the correlation between happiness and the sex gap is merely an artifact of the demographic effect.

The results also suggest that happiness data need to be treated carefully, especially, at aggregate level. For example, taking the national average

⁴Bjørnskov (2008) reported that happiness had a *negative* effect on life expectancy using a 2SLS approach. This may be related with the negative correlation between LE and HP found in the present study.

⁵It is also possible to say that it is due to a sample bias. Although we can ask the feeling of happiness to those who have experienced the death of one's spouse, we cannot ask the same question to those who have experienced the death of one's own.

of happiness without removing compositional effects and using it for any sorts of analyses may yield misleading results. The national average does not necessarily represent the happiness level of a typical individual of the corresponding country.

Last but not least, the question given by the title "Why Do Women in Former Communist Countries Look Unhappy?" needs to be answered. Comparing women in former communist countries and those in other European countries, the results suggest that women in former communist countries are less happier because of political disorder and economic turmoil following the fall of communism. Being a former communist country is still significant on explaining the national average happiness although the effect is much smaller after controlling for the sex gap in life expectancy.

On the other hand, comparing them with men in the same country, the results demonstrate that the source of their unhappiness is the sex gap in life expectancy. The chance of being a widow is higher in former communist countries due to the large sex gap in life expectancy, and this adversely affects women's average happiness. This is maybe why some people, like one of my colleagues, get an impression that women, in particular, old women, look unhappy in former communist countries. The chance of encountering widows is higher in these countries.

A Data Appendix

A.1 Definitions of variables

HP: National average happiness (EWVS, 2008)

HPGAP: The difference of the sex-specific average happiness between women and men (EWVS, 2008)

LE: Life expectancy for both sexes (UN, 2008)

LEGAP: The difference of life expectancy between women and men (UN, 2008)

LYPC: GDP per capita (purchasing-power-parity adjusted) (Penn World Table 6.2, 2008)

FT: Fertility rate (births per woman) (World Bank, 2008)

LR: Women's labor force ratio (World Bank, 2008)

UEGAP: The difference in unemployment rate between women and men (World Bank, 2008)

SMGAP: The difference of smoking rate between women and men (WHO Europe, 2007)

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A.3 Sample periods

The sample periods consist of three periods, 1990-1994 (2), 1995-1999 (3), and 2000-2004 (4). This follows the sample periods of the dependent variable, *LEGAP*. Happiness data are attached to these periods according to wave number indicated in the parentheses. As for the variables from PWT, WHO Europe, and World Bank, the averages are taken for each variables within each period.

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Figure 1: Correlation between Happiness and Happiness Gap

Country	FCD	HP	Country	FCD	HPGAP
Romania	1	2.39	Russian	1	-0.172
Russian	1	2.43	Portugal	0	-0.115
Ukraine	1	2.43	Bulgaria	1	-0.111
Bulgaria	1	2.44	Ukraine	1	-0.100
Republic of Moldova	1	2.53	Belarus	1	-0.097
Albania	1	2.59	Italy	0	-0.076
Latvia	1	2.61	Luxembourg	0	-0.075
Belarus	1	2.69	Slovenia	1	-0.064
Estonia	1	2.71	Spain	0	-0.035
Slovakia	1	2.74	Greece	0	-0.030
Lithuania	1	2.79	Austria	0	-0.027
Hungary	1	2.84	Slovakia	1	-0.020
Poland	1	2.85	Denmark	0	-0.019
Macedonia	1	2.89	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	-0.018
Greece	0	2.91	France	0	-0.017
Slovenia	1	2.91	Republic of Moldova	1	-0.012
Croatia	1	2.93	Latvia	1	-0.007
Czech republic	1	2.95	Hungary	1	-0.007
Italy	0	2.95	Poland	1	-0.004
Germany	0	2.97	Finland	0	0.006
Portugal	0	3.00	Lithuania	1	0.008
Bosnia and Herzegovina	1	3.02	Macedonia	1	0.015
Spain	0	3.06	Germany	0	0.016
Finland	0	3.15	Belgium	0	0.020
Malta	0	3.15	Czech repblic	1	0.022
France	0	3.24	Malta	0	0.025
Austria	0	3.26	Estonia	1	0.025
Luxembourg	0	3.28	Romania	1	0.026
Sweden	0	3.29	Croatia	1	0.029
Belgium	0	3.31	Albania	1	0.031
Ireland	0	3.38	Netherlands	0	0.048
Denmark	0	3.39	Iceland	0	0.052
Netherlands	0	3.40	Sweden	0	0.070
Iceland	0	3.43	Ireland	0	0.084
Average	1	2.71	Average	1	-0.025
Average	0	3.20	Average	0	-0.005

Table 1: Happiness and Happiness Gap (National Averages)

The country is former communist if FCD=1, and otherwise if FCD=0.

Endogenous varai	ible	RE (1): LE	GAP						RE (2): 1	HPGAP				RE (3): E	ΗP					
Explanatory Varia	ables	HP	LE	LYPC	LR	SMGAP	FCD	R-sq	HP	LEGAP	UEGAP	FCD	R-sq	HPGAP	LEGAP	LE	LYPC	FT	FCD	R-sq
(1) 3SLS		-5.682 -2.28 **	-0.268 -3.70 ***	2.829 6.23 ***	0.056 1.90 *	-0.051 -2.11 **	0.274 0.37	0.79	0.018 0.28	-0.019 -3.64 ***	-0.0064 * -3.90 **	0.016 * 0.58	0.33	0.222 0.37	-0.068 -3.32 **	-0.015 * -1.27	0.303 5.66 ***	0.111 1.44	-0.078 -1.22	0.84
(2) 3SLS		-6.310 -4.25 ***	-0.236 -4.94 ***	2.799 6.52 ***	0.059 2.47 **	-0.055 -3.41 ***		0.76		-0.019 -7.14 ***	-0.0066 * -4.30 **	*	0.31		-0.051 -5.07 **	*	0.254 7.03 ***	0.126 2.71 **	-0.088 * -1.87 *	0.84
(3) 2SLS		-5.277 -2.75 ***	-0.258 -3.15 ***	2.451 4.43 ***	0.097 2.25 **	-0.052 0.02 **		0.80		-0.019 -6.73 ***	-0.0063 * -3.46 **	*	0.32		-0.049 -4.51 **	*	0.259 5.75 ***	0.164 2.65 **	-0.074 * -1.19	0.85
(4) 3SLS		-6.392 -4.31 ***	-0.232 -4.71 ***	2.748 6.12 ***	0.057 2.37 **	-0.053 -3.25 ***		0.76	-0.015 -0.39	-0.021 -3.99 ***	-0.0067 * -4.31 **	*	0.27		-0.052 -5.04 **	*	0.251 6.77 ***	0.124	-0.086 * -1.82 *	0.84
(5) 3SLS		-5.653 -3.14 ***	-0.233 -4.30 ***	2.705 5.25 ***	0.073 2.74 **	-0.068 * 0.02 ***		0.78	0.119 6.25 *	**	-0.0048 -2.95 **	*	0.39		-0.050 -4.75 **	*	0.241 6.25 ***	0.137 2.81 **	-0.102 * -2.05 *	0.85
(6) 3SLS		-6.333 -4.27 ***	-0.237 -4.91 ***	2.804 6.53 ***	0.068 2.42 **	-0.053 -3.31 ***		0.76		-0.019 *** -7.10	* -0.0067 ** -4.35	*	0.31	0.436 0.71	-0.044 -3.20 **	*	0.250 6.88 ***	0.107 1.87 **	-0.095 -1.97 *	0.86
(7) 3SLS		-5.512 -3.75 ***	-0.285 -5.24 ***	2.853 6.62 ***	0.078 2.94 **	-0.060 * -3.81 ***		0.79		-0.019 -7.26 ***	-0.0048 * -3.64 **	*	0.30	2.026 3.77 **	**		0.240 6.12 ***	0.125 1.95 *	-0.153 -3.36 *	0.83
(8) 3SLS		-5.637 -2.40 **	-0.247 -5.05 ***	2.754 6.61 ***	0.061 2.49 **	-0.058 -2.66 ***	0.202 0.31	0.78		-0.019 -7.12 ***	-0.0067 * -4.32 **	*	0.31		-0.051 -5.07 **	*	0.260 6.5 ***	0.136 2.47 **	-0.078 -1.39	0.84
(9) 3SLS			-0.319 -5.87 ***	2.111 6.64 ***	0.066 2.19 **	-0.098 -7.83 ***	1.382 3.63 ***	0.85 *		-0.019 -7.23 ***	-0.0069 * -4.37 **	*	0.30		-0.049 -4.93 **	*	0.264 6.58 ***	0.161 2.96 **	-0.074 * -1.33	0.85
(10) 3SLS		-6.496 -4.23 ***	-0.232 -4.71 ***	2.780 6.48 ***	0.057 2.38 **	-0.051 -2.99 ***		0.76		-0.020 -5.27 ***	-0.0065 * -4.20 **	0.007 * 0.68	0.30		-0.052 -5.02 **	*	0.252 6.91 ***	0.122 2.59 **	-0.085 * -1.79 *	0.84
(11) 3SLS		-5.564 -3.16 ***	-0.243 -4.47 ***	2.813 5.62 ***	0.081 3.02 **	-0.076 * -4.05 ***		0.78			-0.0052 -2.84 **	-0.054 ** -4.43 ***	* 0.24		-0.039 -3.89 **	*	0.250 6.64 ***	0.133 2.76 **	-0.123 * -2.49 *	0.85
(12) 3SLS		-4.942 -3.37 ***	-0.336 -5.78 ***	2.965 6.86 ***	0.078 2.54 **	-0.070 -4.23 ***		0.79		-0.018 -6.74 ***	-0.0071 * -4.50 **	*	0.32				0.263 5.80 ***	0.250 4.37 **	-0.209 * -3.87 *	0.82
(13) 3SLS		-6.014 -4.03 ***	-0.309 -4.88 ***	2.869 6.66 ***	0.042 1.75 *	-0.043 -2.50 **		0.77		-0.019 -7.16 ***	-0.0068 * -4.47 **	*	0.31		-0.079 -4.39 **	-0.021 * -1.87 *	0.316 6.38 ***	0.096 2.07 **	-0.080 -1.74 *	0.81
(14) 3SLS		-5.792 -3.88 ***	-0.25 -4.01 ***	2.844 6.56 ***	0.080 2.65 **	-0.066 * -4.07 ***		0.78		-0.019 -6.99 ***	-0.0069 * -4.42 **	ak.	0.31			0.023 3.44 ***	0.197 4.33 ***	0.225 4.29 **	-0.130 * -2.40 *	0.84

Table 2: Regression Results (Endogenous Variables: LEGAP, HPGAP, HP)

The top figures are the estimated coefficients, the bottom ones are t-statistics. ***, **, and * respectively indicate the significance level at p<0.01, p<0.05, and p<0.10. The number of observations: 69.

Equations (1) include period dummies.