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# ***DATA DOCUMENTATION***

***VERSION 2 – 08/2017: DATA OF THE 1ST WAVE FACE-TO-FACE INTERVIEW***

***TwinLife – Genetic and Social Causes of Life Chances***

A genetically informative, longitudinal study of the life course and individual development

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# BACKGROUND

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- **TwinLife** is a multi-disciplinary twin study, that enables to investigate the development of *differences in life chances* across individuals and groups as well as within and between families
- *Social inequalities* = indicators that characterize the *standing of individuals with respect to their capacity to consume or produce goods* that are either generally valued in our society or by the individuals themselves
- Different *dimensions of social inequality*:
  - e.g., education, social status, health, well-being, political and social participation
- Differences in social inequality are associated with differences *across groups* and *psychological characteristics*



# BACKGROUND

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- **Genetic variation** as a major source of social inequalities
  - **Evidence** varies between different life domains
  - **Gene expression** depends on social factors
  - **Environmental effects interact and covary with genetic factors** and thus exert significant influence in every social inequality domain
- *Genetically informed social inequality research*



# WHY A TWIN STUDY?

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- Twins as a ‘**natural experiment**’
- Both identical (monozygotic, MZ) and fraternal (dizygotic, DZ) twins share a major part of their environmental conditions
- Additionally, MZ twins have the same genotype
- **Twin studies as method of choice** to examine the influence of genes and environments as well as their interactions on the level and development of certain characteristics



# BRINGING TOGETHER SOCIOLOGY, PSYCHOLOGY & BEHAVIORAL GENETICS

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- **TwinLife** takes a genetically informed life course perspective on social inequalities that acknowledges the importance of both genetic and social determinants, social structure, and individual agency:
  - Genetic influences, psychological and social mechanisms, (social) contexts and their interaction and covariation
  - Developmental trajectories in childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood in a prospective longitudinal design
  - Broad variation of behavior and environmental factors (e.g. SES) in a large sample to examine the interplay between genes and environment
  - Combination of a multi-cohort cross-sequential and an extended twin family design

For more information visit:  
<http://www.twin-life.de/en>



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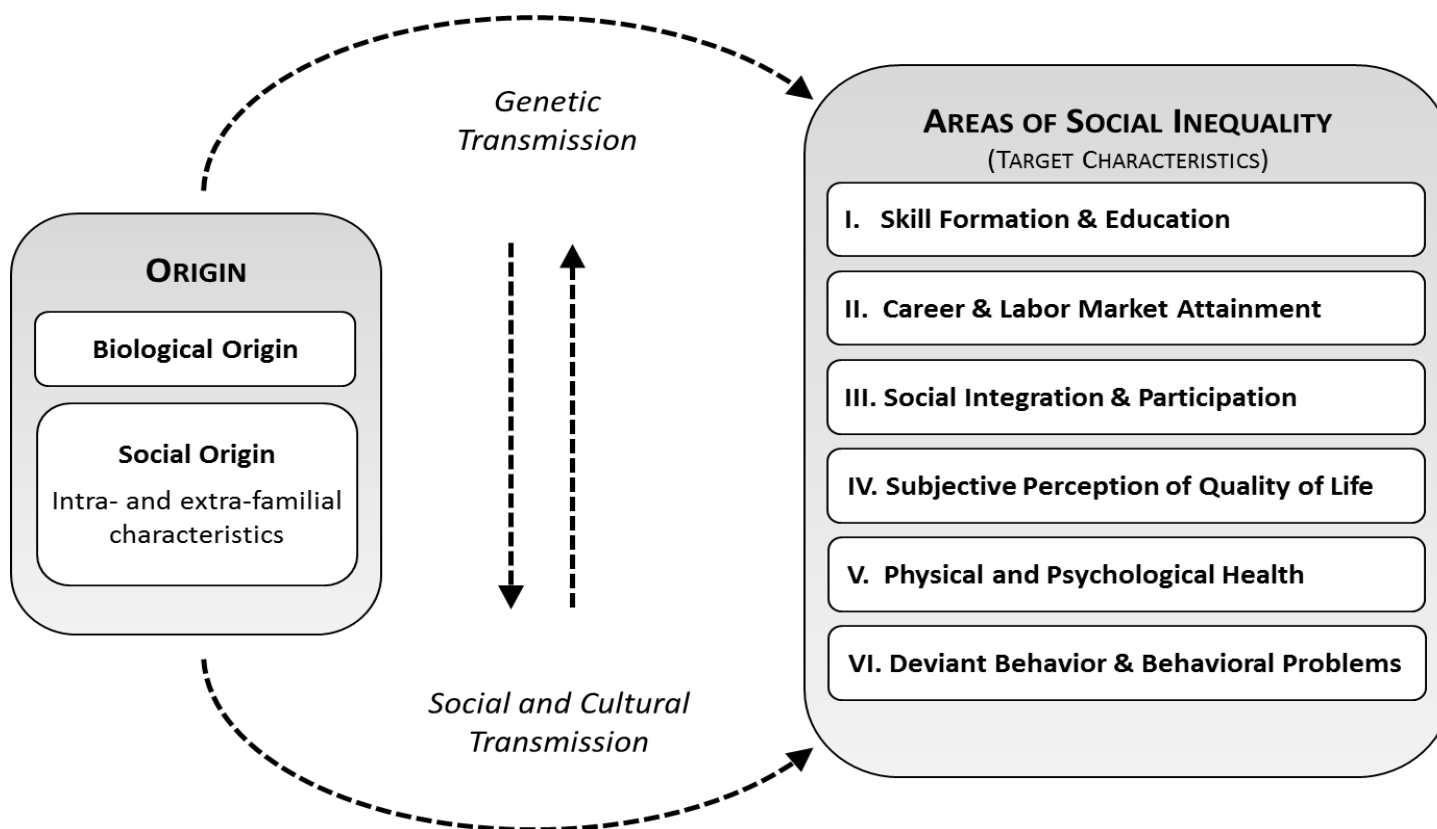
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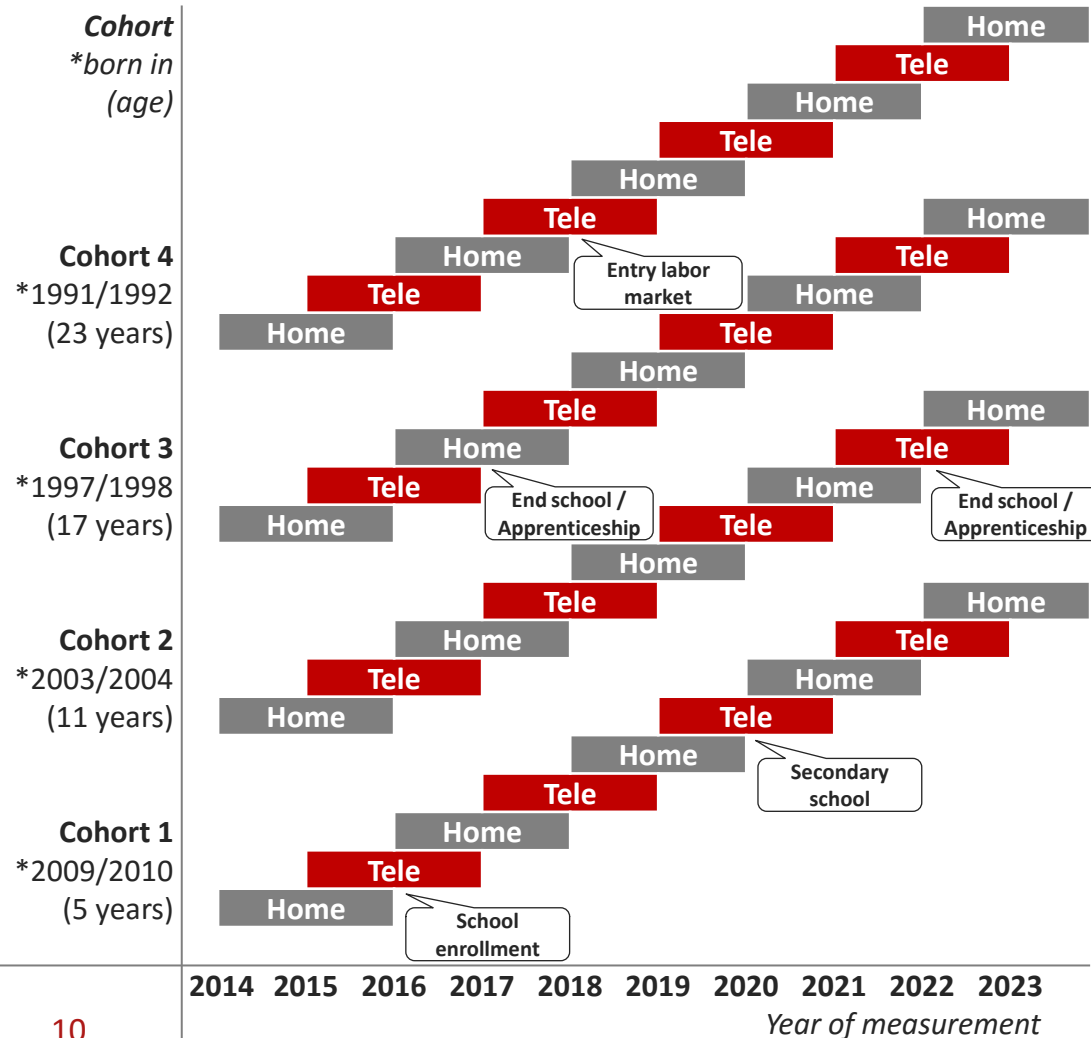
# BASIC CONCEPTS

- To take a close look at the development of social inequalities, TwinLife examines different etiological factors as well as indicators of personal and social success and failure





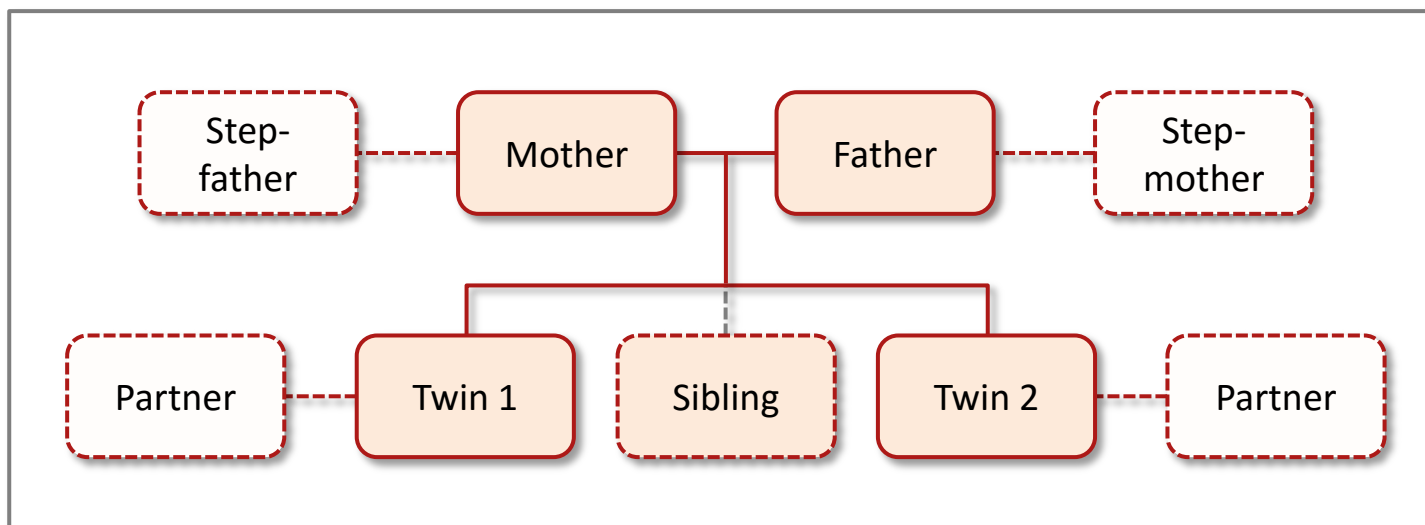
# DESIGN



- **4,000 twin families**, over a time span of 9 years (2014 to 2023)
- **Cross-sequential** survey design
- **Four birth cohorts** capturing a total age range from 5 to 31 years and undergoing important life events
  - 1,000 same-sex twin pairs per cohort
- **Face-to-face** interviews within the household every other year
- **Telephone interviews** in the consecutive year



## EXTENDED TWIN FAMILY DESIGN



- **The cross-sequential structure (p. 10) is combined with an Extended Twin Family Design (ETFD)**
  - **ETFD** capturing the MZ or DZ same-sex twins and their biological family (biological parents and one sibling, if available), but also the complete environment the twins grow up in, thus if applicable including step-family members and twins' spouses



# TWINLIFE – A SUMMARY

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- A **substantial number of participants**, proportionally reflecting genetic and environmental variation in the population.
- **Longitudinal design** capturing **developmental periods** with far-reaching consequences and allowing for **accurate measures of the similarity of the environments** of identical and fraternal twins.
- Combining the individual development of **psychological** characteristics and processes with a **sociological** focus on the institutionalization of the life course through events and durations in **various life domains**.
- **Extended twin family design** in which twins and parents are followed even after leaving the initial household, thus taking into account separated and step families as the environment for individual development.
- Continuous extensive measurement of the **families' environment**.



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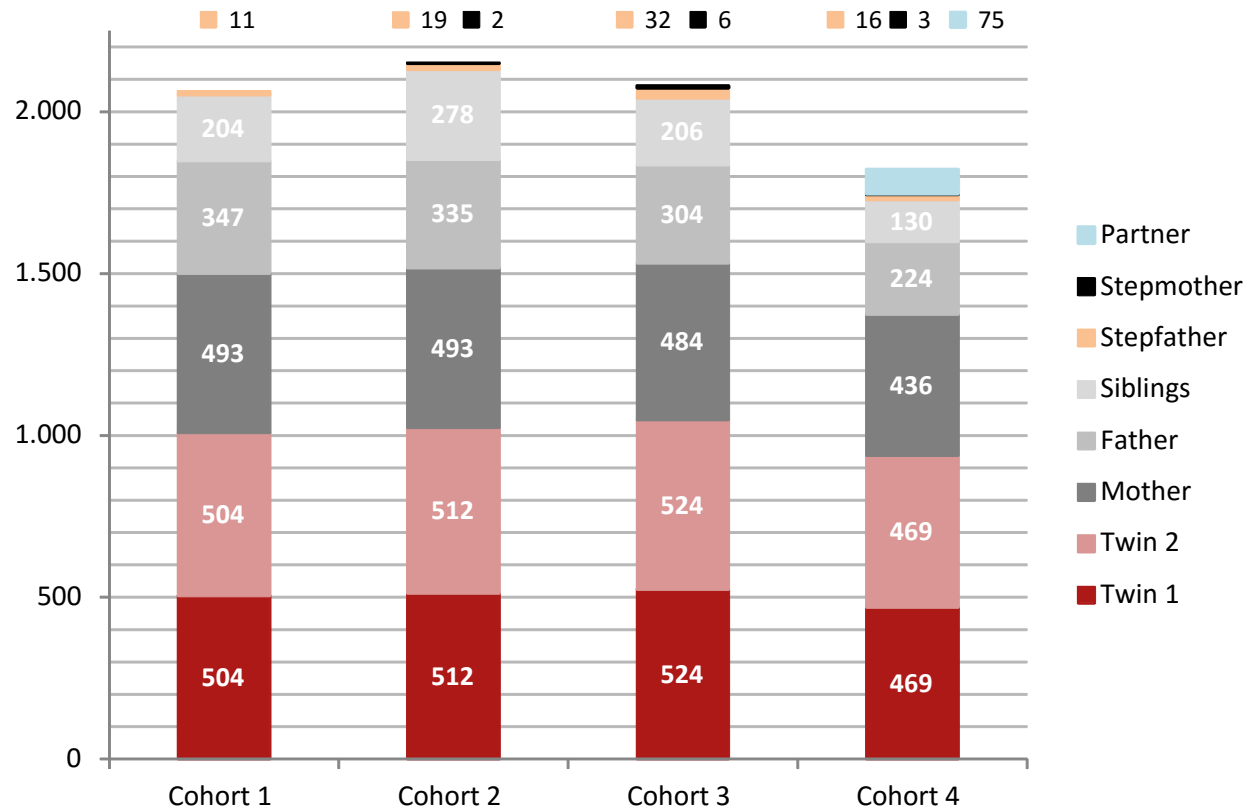
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# OVERVIEW OF NET SAMPLE FOR F2F-1A

- *Structure of first half-wave completing the face-to-face interview in 2014 (F2F-1A):*





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- **Structure of first half-wave completing the face-to-face interview in 2014 (F2F-1A):**
  - 2,009 twin families in 2,422 households

	<b>Cohort 1</b>	<b>Cohort 2</b>	<b>Cohort 3</b>	<b>Cohort 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Twins	1,008	1,024	1,048	938	4,018
Mother	493	493	484	436	1,906
Stepmother	0	2	6	3	11
Father	347	335	304	224	1,21
Stepfather	11	19	32	16	78
Siblings	204	278	206	130	818
Twins' partners	–	–	–	75	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>2,151</b>	<b>2,080</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>8,116</b>
Families	504	512	524	469	2,009
Households	508	521	549	844	2,422
Participation	46%	45%	47%	23%	37%
Family complete	77%	78%	74%	58%	72%
Family incomplete	23%	22%	26%	42%	28%



# OVERALL DISTRIBUTION OF TWIN FAMILIES BY ZYGOSITY AND COHORTS

<i><b>Twin cohort group</b></i>	<i><b>Monozygotic twins</b></i>	<i><b>Dizygotic twins</b></i>	<i><b>Total</b></i>
Born 2009	216 (43%)	285 (57%)	501
Born 2003	204 (40%)	306 (60%)	510
Born 1997	254 (49%)	269 (51%)	523
Born 1990/91	255 (54%)	213 (46%)	468
<b>Total</b>	<b>929 (46%)</b>	<b>1,073 (54%)</b>	<b>2,002</b>



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# AREAS OF SOCIAL INEQUALITY – ASSESSED VARIABLES

(1<sup>ST</sup> WAVE, FACE-TO-FACE-INTERVIEWS)

## [1] Skill formation and education

- Educational success
- Educational attainment
- Intelligence
- Private tutoring
- Cognitive development
- Media use
- Motivation
- Self-efficacy
- Personality
- Self-esteem

## [2] Career and labor market

- Employment status
- Wages, welfare dependency
- Perceived job security
- Educational career & aspirations
- Economic preferences

**Environment**

**Zygosity**

**Demographics**

## [3] Social integration and participation

- Social participation
- Political participation
- Discrimination
- Migration & citizenship
- Social networks

## [4] Quality of Life

- Global and domain-specific life satisfaction
- Satisfaction with sibling relation

## [5] Health

- Subjective health
- Diagnoses
- Health behavior
- Examination reports (“U-Heft”)

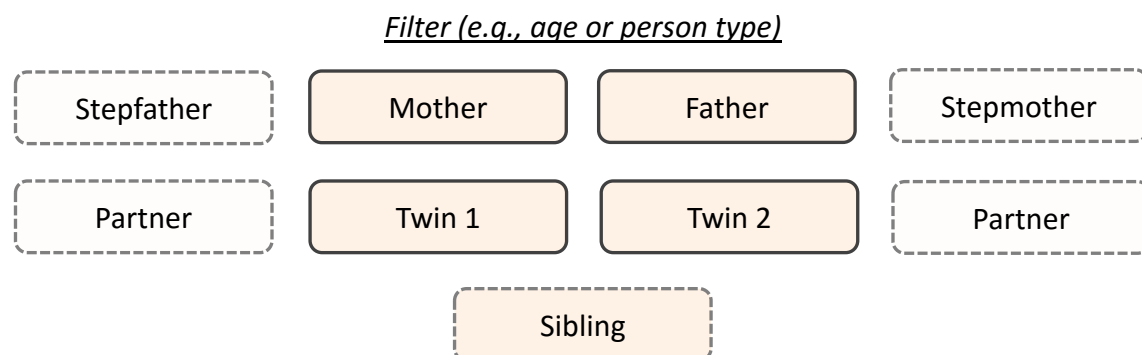
## [6] Deviant behavior

- Internalizing/Externalizing
- Delinquent behavior



# ASSESSMENT OF VARIABLES IN THE ETFD

- **Individual assessment of variables:**
  - Depending on person type and age, different constructs are considered (as indicated in the following)





# [1] SKILL FORMATION AND EDUCATION

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**Educational attainment**

**Educational success**

**Intelligence**

**Private tutoring**

**Cognitive development**

**Media use**

**Motivation**

**Self-Efficacy**

**Personality / Temperament**

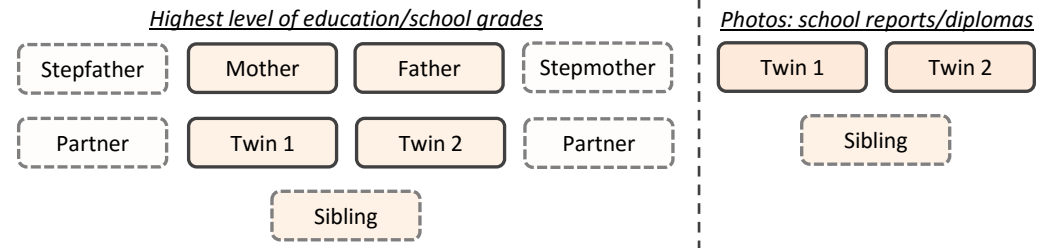
**Self-Esteem**



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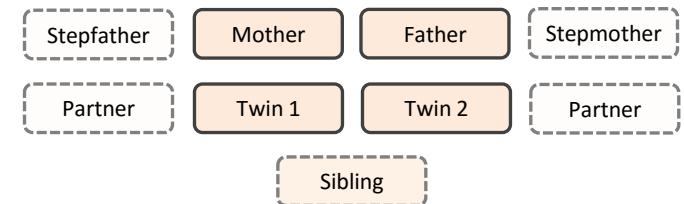
- **Educational attainment & success**

- School grades of latest school report
- Photos or self-report

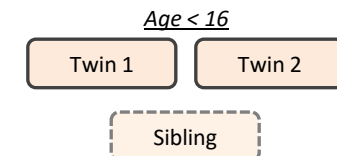


- **Intelligence**

- Cognitive skills as assessed by the culture fair intelligence test (CFT 1-R, CFT 20-R)
- Subtests: continue series, classification, matrices (reasoning)



- **Private tutoring (NEPS, adapted) / Utilization of special support**

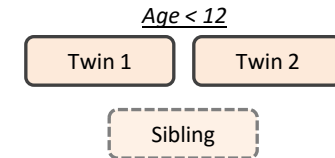




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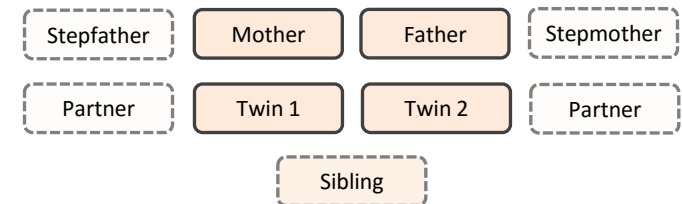
- **Cognitive development**

- Competence ratings from parents (NEPS), interviewer ratings after IQ-Test
- e.g. social, verbal, concentration skills



- **Media use (NEPS, adapted)**

- e.g. time spent using devices, rules for media use

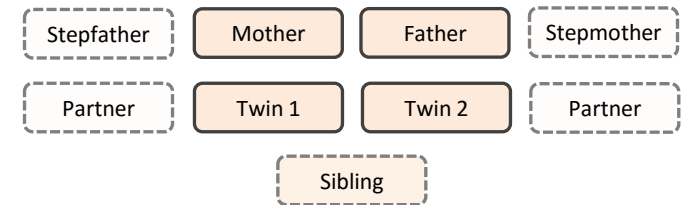




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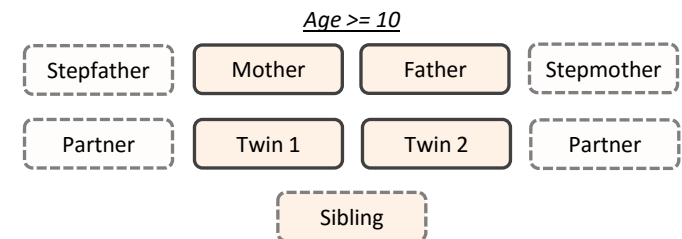
- **Motivation**

- Academic self concept, intrinsic / learning / achievement motivation
- Subscales (adapted) from SDQP, SESSKO, IMI, SESSW, SELLMO-S, GOALS
  - e.g., *“I think, I will enjoy school.”*, *“I think that I am pretty good at my job”*, *“It is important for me in the context of my professional work to learn something interesting.”*



- **Self-efficacy**

- Bandura's concept of self efficacy
  - e.g., *“I can rely on my own abilities in difficult situations.”*

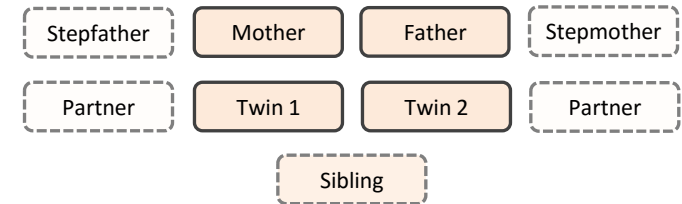




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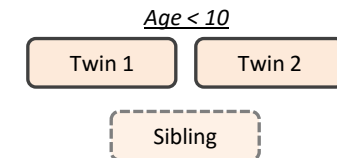
- **Personality / Temperament (BIG 5)**

- BFI-S: Neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness, conscientiousness
  - e.g., *“I see myself as someone who does a thorough job”*



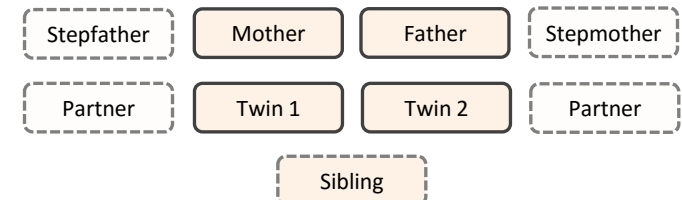
- **Parent ratings: Neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness, conscientiousness**

- e.g., *“How would you rank your child in comparison to other children of the same age? My child is talkative ---- quiet”*



- **Self-esteem**

- Brief Scale/Single Item measure (adapted from Rosenberg Scale)
  - e.g., *„Sometimes I think I am no good at all“, „My child has high self-esteem“*





Using the **variable stem (var)** the variable can easily be found on [data.soep.de/twinlife](https://data.soep.de/twinlife)

Specific **instrument /data source** where you can find this information

**Person filter (see p. 69):**  
tu = twins, mf = parents, s = sibling,  
pq = twins' spouses, hh = household variable

Construct	Facets	Var	Module	Instrument / Source	Age	tu	mf	s	pq	hh	Further information
<b>Skill formation and education</b>											
<b>Educational success &amp; educational attainment</b>	Self-report	<b>cer</b>	9_certificate	TwinLife		x	x	x	x		Highest level of education/school grades
		<b>cer</b>	9_certificate	photos of school reports/ diplomas (TwinLife)		x		x			
<b>Intelligence</b>		<b>igf</b>	person	CFT 1-R, CFT 20-R		x	x	x	x		Subtests: continue series, classification, matrices (reasoning)
<b>Private tutoring/ Utilization of special support</b>	Care	<b>car</b>		SOEP 2012							Caregivers and care facilities for twins and sibling by age
	Care institution	<b>cai</b>		SOEP							Care facilities (group size, number of childcare providers etc.)
	Activities	<b>eac</b>		SOEP							Activities in childcare (arts, languages, maths & sciences, visits to library, excursions etc.)
	School	<b>edu</b>		SOEP 2012/2014; Pairfam (wave 4, child); NEPS 2011	< 16	x		x			School (type, grade, federal state)
	Extracurricular activities	<b>aas</b>	6_child care	Pairfam (parenting, wave 7)							Extracurricular activities (e.g. remedial groups, clubs, leisure activities etc.)
	School grades repeated/ skipped	<b>eca</b>		SOEP 2014							School grades repeated/ skipped
	Contact information institution	<b>kgc</b>		SOEP							Contact information institution (e.g. address, phone number, pedagogic concept etc.)
	Same care twins	<b>cat</b>		SOEP							Same care twins
	Same school twins	<b>twt</b>		TwinLife	< 16	x					For 1st - 13th school grade

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Skill formation and education											
Cognitive development	Competence ratings parents	com	7_parents on child	NEPS; BBK 3-6	< 12	x		x			E.g. social, verbal, concentration skills
	Competence ratings interviewer	ctb	Person	Interviewer ratings after IQ-Test (BBK 3-6)							
Media use		med	5_less sensitive information	NEPS		x	x	x	x		E.g. time spent with devices, rules for media use
Motivation	Academic self concept	asc	3_basic modul	SDQP (verbal, math)		x		x			IMI (Subtest: Perceived Competence)
	Self perceived ability	spa		SESSKO; IMI		x	x	x	x		
	Intrinsic motivation	imo		SESSW		x	x	x			
	Learning motivation			SELLMO-S		x	x	x	x		
	Achievement motivation			GOALS (TwinLife)		x	x	x	x		
Self-Efficacy		sef	4_sensitive personal information	ASKU (short version)	>= 10	x	x	x	x	Bandura's concept of self efficacy	
Personality/ Temperament (BIG 5)	Self-report	per	4_sensitive personal information	BFI-S; BFI-Schülerversion	>= 10	x	x	x	x		BIG 5: Neuroticism, extraversion, openness to experience, agreeableness, conscientiousness
	Parental-report	per	7_parents on child	BFI form school children (SOEP items)	< 10	x		x			
Self-Esteem	Self-report	ses	4_sensitive personal information	Rosenberg SES	>= 13	x	x	x	x		Brief Scale/Single Item measure (adapted from Rosenberg Scale)
	Parental-report	ses	7_parents on child	Single item measure Rosenberg SES	< 13	x		x			

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## [2] CAREER AND LABOR MARKET

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**Employment status**

**Wages, welfare dependency**

**Perceived job security**

**Educational career &  
aspirations**

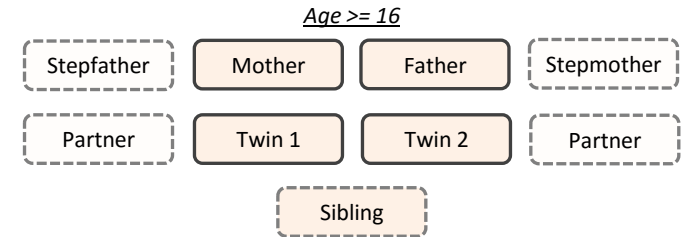
**Economic preferences**



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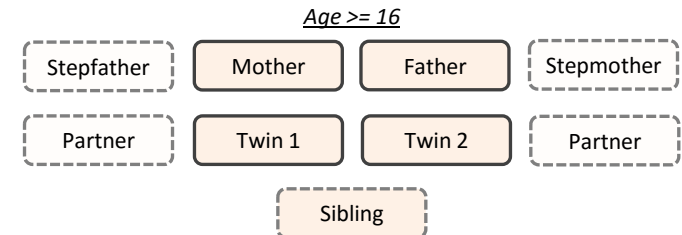
- **Employment status & current position**

- Type and characteristics of employment, working hours etc.



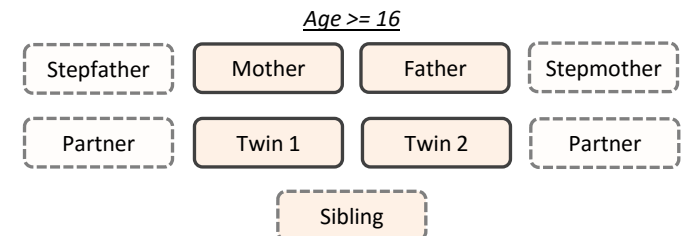
- **Wages, welfare dependency**

- Gross income



- **Perceived job security & satisfaction**

- Job loss within last 2 years, perceived fairness of payment
  - e.g. “How likely do you think it is that you might lose your job in the following two years?”

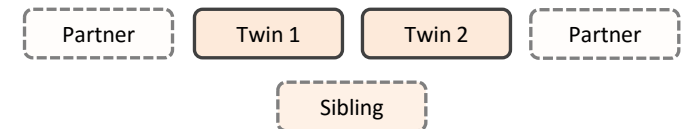
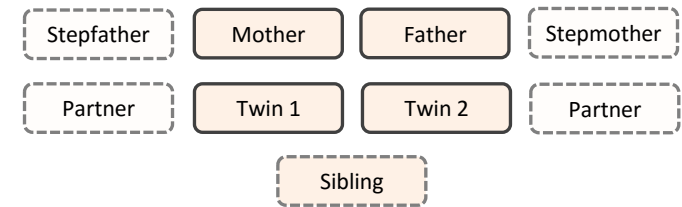




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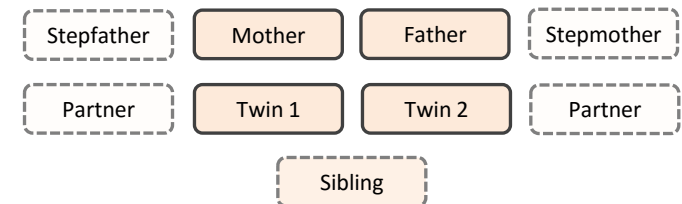
- **Educational career & aspirations**

- Highest degree and characteristics of educational career, anticipated degree
- Information on school, school type recommendation



- **Economic preferences**

- Risk aversion, patience
  - e.g., “Would you describe yourself as someone who tries to avoid risks (*risk-averse*) or as someone who is willing to take risks (*risk-prone*)?”





Construct	Facets	Var	Module	Instrument / Source	Age	tu	mf	s	pq	hh	Further information
Career and Labor Market Attainment											
Employment status & current position		emp	3_basic module	SOEP 2014	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Job title, occupational status, economic sector, extend of work activity, unemployment, required qualification for occupation, commuting
		emp; eca	generated variable	ISEI; SIOPS; EGP; ISCO 2008; KldB 2010;	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Classification based on occupation or occupational training; ISCO, KldB: two digits
		hpr	household questionnaire	SOEP 2014						x	Form of employment of all household members
Wages, welfare dependency		inc	3_basic module	SOEP 2005/2014; B3 Beschäftigungs- fragebogen	>=16	x	x	x	x		Monthly personal gross income, social allowances / benefits ( e.g. child and parental benefit, continued pay in maternity leave)
Perceived job security & satisfaction		emp	3_basic module	SOEP 2003; B3 Beschäftigungsfrage bogen	>=16	x	x	x	x		Probability of losing job within next two years, balance between performance and output of job
Educational career & aspirations	Education	edu	3_basic module	SOEP 2012/2014; Pairfam (wave 4); NEPS 2011	>=4 & <15 >=10 >=16 >=4	x	x	x	x		Education (e.g. type of education / training, type of school, grade etc.)
	Course of education	eca	4_sensitive information	SOEP 2012/2014; DJI Jugendsurvey (wave 1)	and <15; >=10; >=17	x	x	x	x		Course of education (school-leaving qualification / highest educational degree, grade repeated/skipped, educational aspiration etc.)
		eca	generated variable	ISCED 1997	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Two versions: one digit, two digits
Economic preferences	Willingness to take a risk	per0200	4_sensitive personal information	SOEP 2008	>=10	x	x	x	x		Willingness to take a risk
			7_parents on child	SOEP 2008	>=4 and <=9	x		x			Willingness to take a risk
	Patience	per0300	4_sensitive personal information	SOEP 2008	>=10	x	x	x	x		Patience
			7_parents on child	SOEP 2008	>=4 and <=9	x		x			Patience

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## [3] INTEGRATION AND PARTICIPATION

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**Social participation**

**Political participation**

**Discrimination**

**Migration & Citizenship**

**Social networks**



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- **Social participation**

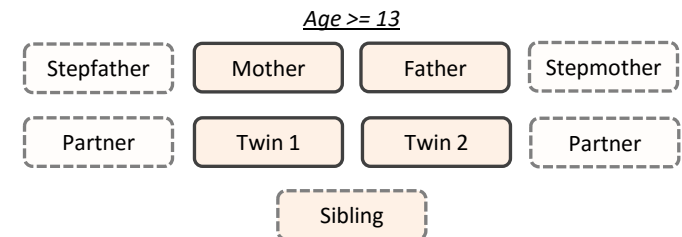
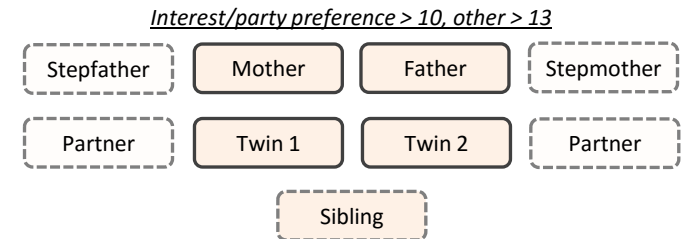
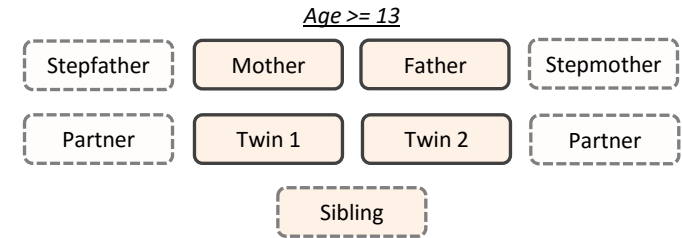
- Frequency of activities in social groups and clubs, volunteering
  - e.g., sports group, church, drama group

- **Political participation**

- Interest, turnout, party preferences, political activities
  - e.g., *“In general, how interested are you in politics?”*

- **Experiences of discrimination**

- Experience, reason for discrimination, and perceived stress/burden
  - e.g. *„In the last 12 months, have you experienced that you were treated worse or discriminated against due to a personal characteristic (such as your skin color, your gender, your religion)?”*

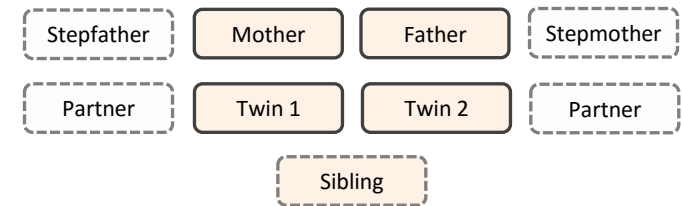




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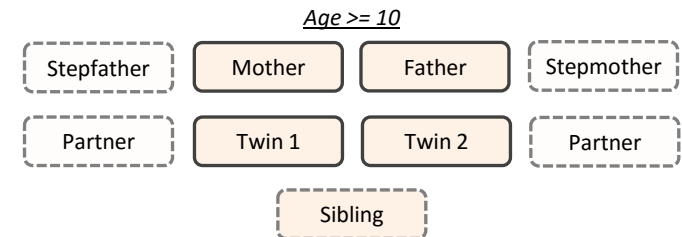
- **Migration & Citizenship**

- e.g., country of birth (self, parents), citizenship, language spoken at home



- **Social networks**

- Characteristics of three close friends (age, gender, schooling), number of friends outside household
- Generalized trust and loneliness
  - e.g., *"In general, you can trust people."*
  - e.g., *"I often feel lonely."*





Construct	Facets	Var	Module	Instrument / Source	Age	tu	mf	s	pq	hh	Further information
<b>Integration and Participation</b>											
<b>Social participation</b>	Self-report	sop	5_less sensitive information	AID:A 2009	>=13	x	x	x	x		Social Participation in groups and clubs, Volunteering
	Parental-report	sop	7_parents on child	AID:A 2009	< 13	x		x			Social Participation in groups and clubs, Volunteering
<b>Political participation</b>		pop	5_less sensitive information	SOEP 2011; AID:A 2009; Add-health	>9 & <=15 >=13 >=18	x	x	x	x		Domains: Political interest; political activity; turnout; party preferences
<b>Experiences of discrimination</b>		dis	5_less sensitive information	SOEP; DEAS; TwinLife	>=13	x	x	x	x		Experience of discrimination due to different domains, burden
<b>Migration &amp; Citizenship</b>		mig	3_basic module	SOEP 2014	>=15	x	x	x	x		Information on citizenship
		mig	7_parents on child	SOEP 2014	>=4 and <=15	x		x			Information on citizenship
<b>Social networks</b>	Self-report	net	5_less sensitive information	SOEP 2003/2011; SSND; PASS	>=15	x	x	x	x		Social networks (trust, friends, most important persons, loneliness)
	Parental-report	net	7_parents on child	PASS		x		x			Number of close friends
	Loneliness	net	5_less sensitive information	SOEP 2008	>=10	x	x	x	x		

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## [4] QUALITY OF LIFE

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**Global life satisfaction**

**Domain satisfaction**

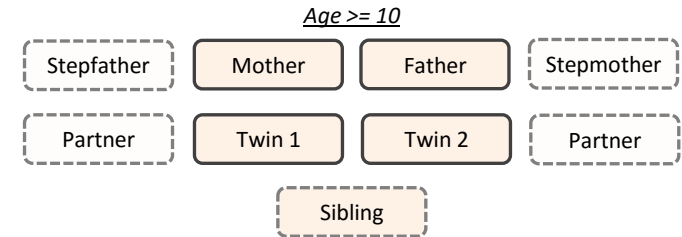
**Satisfaction with sibling  
relation**



## [4] QUALITY OF LIFE

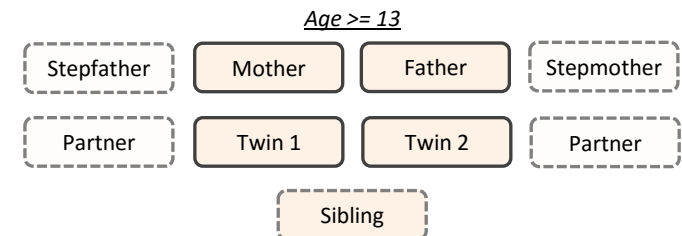
- **Global life satisfaction**

- Satisfaction with life in general (SWLS/SWLS-C scale)
  - e.g., “For most parts, my life is close to my ideal.”, „My living conditions are great.”



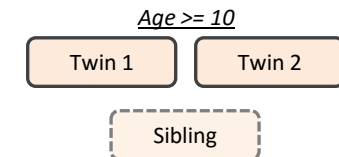
- **Domain satisfaction**

- Domains: Health, work/school, income/pocket money, leisure time, family life, partnership/friendships
  - e.g., “How satisfied are you with your health?”



- **Satisfaction with sibling relation**

- e.g. “How satisfied are you with your relationship with [name of twin 2]?”





Construct	Facets	Var	Module	Instrument / Source	Age	tu	mf	s	pq	hh	Further information
Quality of Life											
Global life satisfaction		gls	5_less sensitive information	SWLS/ SWLS-C	>= 10	x	x	x	x		
Domain satisfaction		sat	4_sensitive personal information	SOEP 2011	>= 10	x	x	x	x		Domains: Health, work/school, income/pocket money, leisure time, family life, partnership/friendships
Satisfaction with sibling relation		sat	4_sensitive personal information	TwinLife	>= 10	x		x			

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## [5] HEALTH

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**Subjective health**

**Diagnoses**

**Health behavior**

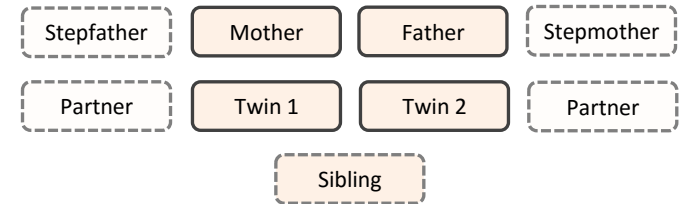
**Examination reports  
(„U-Heft“)**



## [5] HEALTH

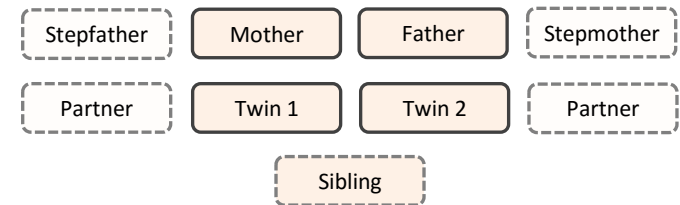
- **Subjective health**

- e.g. „In general, how would you rate your overall health in the last 12 months?“



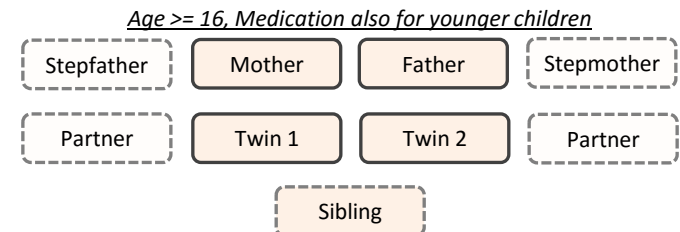
- **Diagnoses / Objective health**

- Diagnosis lists for children and adults (SOEP), impairment, BMI



- **Health behavior**

- Smoking, alcohol consumption, doctor's visits, medication, general health preventive behavior

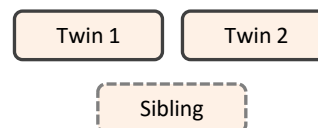




## [5] HEALTH

- **Examination reports („U-Heft“)**

- U1 (Examination of all newborns)
  - Length at birth; birth weight; head circumference; birth defects; abnormalities; previous pregnancies; presentation in hospital before birth; number of previous medical check-ups; birth in \_\_\_\_ week of pregnancy; risk factors during pregnancy
- U2-U9
  - weight, size; head circumference; health issues





Construct	Facets	Var	Module	Instrument / Source	Age	tu	mf	s	pq	hh	Further information
Health											
Subjective health		she	5_less sensitive information	SF-8 (1st Item)	>= 10	x	x	x	x		Self-report
		she	7_parents on child	SF-8 (1st Item)	< 10	x		x			Parental-report
Objective health/ Diagnoses	Diagnoses (adults)	dia	5_less sensitive information	SOEP 2011	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Diagnoses list for adults, self-report
	Diagnoses (children)		7_parents on child	SOEP 2011	< 16	x		x			Diagnoses list for children, parental-report
	Impairment	imp	5_less sensitive information	TwinLife	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Self-report
			7_parents on child	TwinLife	< 16	x		x			Parental-report
Body mass index (BMI)	Height (Non Twins)		5_less sensitive information	TwinLife	>= 13		x	x	x		Self-report
			7_parents on child	TwinLife	<=13			x			Parental-report
	Height (Twins)	bdy	1_Zygoty	TwinLife		x					Self-report (>= 16), parental-report (< 16)
	Weight		5_less sensitive information	TwinLife	>= 13	x	x	x	x		Self-report
			7_parents on child	TwinLife	<= 13	x		x			Parental-report
Health behavior	Doctor's visit	doc	5_less sensitive information	SOEP 2011	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Self-report
			7_parents on child	SOEP 2011	< 16	x		x			Parental-report
	Smoking, alcohol consumption, medication	hbe	5_less sensitive information	SOEP 2010	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Self-report
	Medication (children)		7_parents on child	SOEP 2010	< 16	x		x			Parental-report
	General health preventive behavior		5_less sensitive information	List of age related changes (HEALTH domain)	>= 16	x	x	x	x		Self-report
Examination reports ("U-Heft")		nbi	8_health record book	Health record book (TwinLife)		x		x			U1 (Examination of all newborns): length at birth, birth weight; head circumference; birth defects; abnormalities; previous pregnancies; presented at clinic before birth; number of previous medical check-ups; birth in week xx of pregnancy; risk factors during pregnancy U2-U9: weight, size; head circumference; health issues

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## [6] DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

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**Internalizing**

**Externalizing**

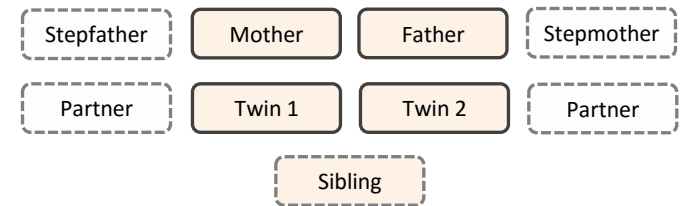
**Delinquent behavior**



## [6] DEVIANT BEHAVIOR

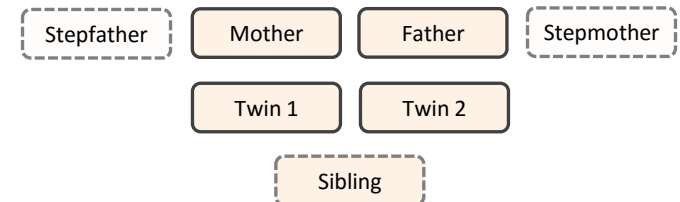
- **Internalizing**

- Emotional symptoms, social problems (SDQ – adapted)
  - e.g. „*In general I am popular with others.*“, „*I often have headaches, stomach aches or feelings of sickness.*“



- **Externalizing**

- Hyperactivity/attention, behavior problems (SDQ – adapted)
  - e.g. „*Others say that I don't tell the truth.*“, „*The child is restless, overactive, cannot stay still for long*“

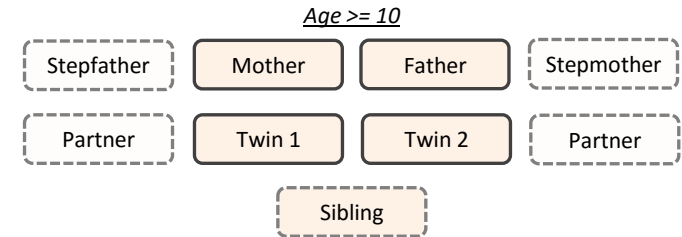




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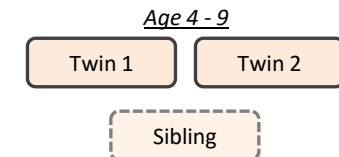
- **Delinquent Behavior**

- Illegal activities – frequency, with whom
  - e.g. „Have you ever done something that could be considered as a violation of the law?“
- List of delinquent actions (e.g. theft, taking drugs, battery/assault)



- **Deviant behavior young children (SDQ- adapted)**

- e.g. „Would you say that you never listen to your parents, sometimes listen to your parents or very often listen to your parents?“





Construct	Facets	Var	Module	Instrument / Source	Age	tu	mf	s	pq	hh	Further information
<b>Deviant Behavior</b>											
<b>Internalizing</b>	Self-report	<b>int</b>	4_sensitive personal information	SDQ	>= 10	x	x	x			Subscales: Emotional symptoms, social problems
	Parental-report		7_parents on child	SDQ	< 10	x		x			Subscales: Emotional symptoms, social problems
<b>Externalizing</b>	Self-report	<b>ext</b>	4_sensitive personal information	SDQ	>= 10	x	x	x			Subscales: Hyperactivity/attention, behavior problems
	Parental-report		7_parents on child	SDQ	< 10	x		x			Subscales: Hyperactivity/attention, behavior problems
<b>Delinquent Behavior</b>	Delinquent behavior	<b>del</b>	4_sensitive personal information	SFB 882 Bielefeld (Fragebogen Schülerbefragung Dortmund 2012)	>= 10	x	x	x	x		Illegal activities - frequency, with whom
	Deviant behavior young children	<b>dev</b>	3_Basic module	SDQ	< 10	x		x			

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# ENVIRONMENT

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**Parenting**

**Sibling relationship quality**

**Quality of home environment**

**Family activities**

**Grandparents**

**Interviewer ratings**

**Childcare & Care  
characteristics**

**Family structure**

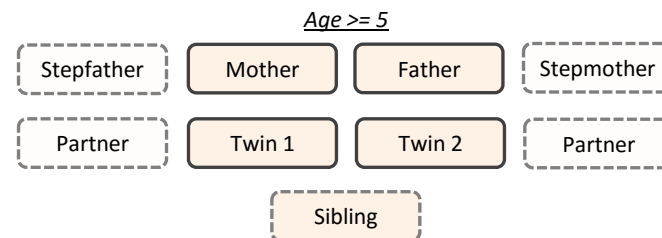
**Neighborhood & Community**



# ENVIRONMENT

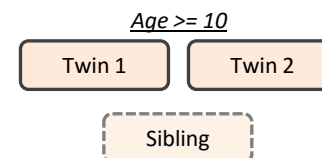
- **Parenting Style**

- Child report on parents and step-parents
- Parent/step-parent self-report
- Emotional warmth, psychological control, negative communication, monitoring, inconsistent parenting
  - e.g., *“My father showed me with words and gestures that he loved me.”*



- **Involvement**

- Structure, emotional support, autonomy, control
- e.g., *“My parents are interested in what I learned in school.”*

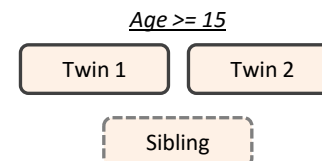




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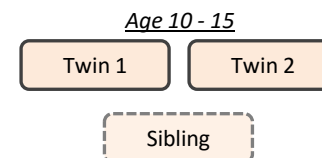
- **Sibling relationship quality**

- ASRQ – warmth, conflict
- e.g., „How often do you argue with [name]?“, “How much do you try to cheer up [name] when he/she feels bad?”



- **SRI – affection, hostility, rivalry**

- e.g., “Children sometimes hurt their brother or sister on purpose like by pushing, punching or hitting him or her. How often do you do these kind of things to [target sibling]?”





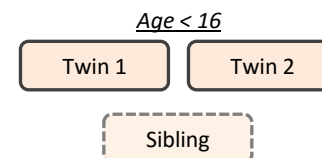
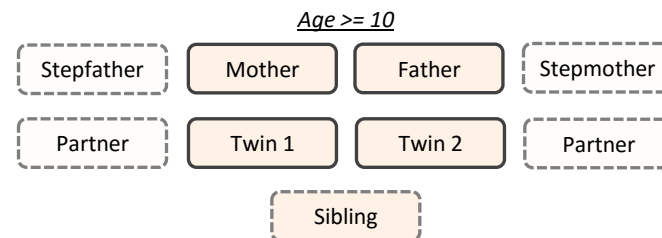
# ENVIRONMENT

- **Quality of home environment**

- Child and parent report on childhood home
- CHAOS Scale - noise, atmosphere, routines, ...
  - e.g., „There is usually a television turned on somewhere in our home.”

- **Family activities**

- Child and parent reports of frequency of joint singing, reading, sports, excursions

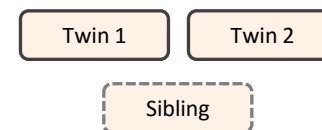




# ENVIRONMENT

- **Relationship with grandparents**

- Parent and child (> 10 yrs) reports of e.g. contact, activities, discussion of problems



- **Interviewer ratings on home characteristics**

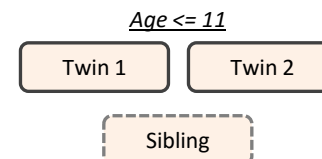
- General household impression (e.g. tidiness, space, furnishing)
- Number of books in household



# ENVIRONMENT

- **Childcare & care characteristics (SOEP)**

- Caregiver person/institution age 0 – 6, duration
- Characteristics of institution and group
- Satisfaction with kindergarten
- Special support/programs
  - e.g., *“Before starting school, has your child ever been cared for regularly (i.e. not only at occasions) by one or more of the following persons/institutions? Think about a regular week.”*
  - e.g., *“Taken together, how satisfied are you with your child’s kindergarten?”*
  - e.g., *“Are there any special programs in your child’s kindergarten that promote his/her motor skills? ... cognitive skills?”*





# ENVIRONMENT

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- **Family structure**
  - Persons in- and outside household
    - name, age, gender, education
  - Marital status
  - Family composition
  - Housing characteristics
  - Gross household income, social benefits



# ENVIRONMENT

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- **Neighborhood & community**
  - Microm data:
    - state, community size, development, mobility etc.
  - Interviewer ratings on safety, wealth, and pollution in the neighborhood



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<b>Environment</b>											
<b>Parenting</b>	Parenting style (child-report)	<b>pas</b>	3_Basic module	Pairfam (wave 2, parenting; wave 4, child/parents)	< 10		x				Emotional warmth, psychological control, negative communication, monitoring, inconsistent parenting
	Parenting style (parental-report)	<b>par</b>	4_Sensitive personal information		>= 10		x				
	Involvement	<b>inv</b>	3_Basic module	CoSMoS Child questionnaire	>= 10	x		x			Structure, emotional support, autonomy, control
<b>Sibling relationship quality</b>	Warmth, conflict	<b>sre</b>	4_Sensitive personal information	ASRQ	>= 15	x		x			Frequencies concerning hostile and supportive behavior; feelings of closeness to sibling, feelings of jealousy
	Affection, hostility, rivalry	<b>sre</b>	4_Sensitive personal information	SRI	10 - 15	x		x			Frequencies concerning hostile and supportive behavior towards twin; feelings of closeness to twin, feelings of jealousy, perceived discriminatory treatment of parents
			3_Basic module	SRI	< 10	x		x			Frequencies concerning hostile and supportive behavior towards twin and sibling; feelings of closeness to twin and sibling, feelings of jealousy, perceived discriminatory treatment of parents
<b>Quality of home environment</b>		<b>hoe</b>	4_Sensitive personal information	CHAOS Scale	>= 10	x	x	x	x		Child- and parental-report on childhood home
<b>Family activities</b>	Child-report	<b>acc</b>	4_sensitive personal information	Pairfam (wave 2, parenting)	< 16 age	x		x			Child-report of frequency of joint singing, reading, sports, excursions
	Parental-report	<b>acp</b>			child < 10		x				Parental-report of frequency of joint singing, reading, sports, excursions
<b>Relationship with grandparents</b>	Child-report	<b>gre</b>	4_sensitive personal information	Pairfam (wave 2, child)	>= 10 age	x		x			Child reports of e.g. contact, activities, talk about problems
	Parental-report		7_parents on children		child < 10		x				Frequency of twins and sibling meet grandparents (parental-report)
<b>Interviewer ratings on home characteristics</b>		<b>iva</b>	household questionnaire	DEAS						x	General household impression (e.g. tidiness, space, furnishing); Number of books in household



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<b>Environment</b>											
<b>Childcare and care characteristics</b>	Caregiver person/ institution, duration	car	6_child care	SOEP 2012	age child <= 6	x	x	x			Caregivers and care facilities for twins and sibling by age
	Characteristics of institution and group	cai	6_child care	SOEP	age child < 3 or >= 3	x		x			Size of the group, N childcare providers, training childcare providers,
	Satisfaction with kindergarten	kgc	6_child care	SOEP	age child <= 6	x		x			Number of children in the kindergarten speaking other languages than German, satisfaction with kindergarten
	Special support/programs	eac	6_child care	SOEP	age child <= 6	x		x			Frequency participation in activities organized by care institution
	Twin raised separately / caregiver person when raised separately	tw	6_child care	TwinLife		x					Age from which were raised separately
<b>Family structure &amp; household characteristics</b>	Persons in- and outside household (name, age, gender, education)	fpr; fil; hpr	family protocol; household questionnaire	Pairfam (wave 4, parenting)						x	Name, age, gender and relation to twins of all persons in household; name, age, gender of twins; name, age, gender and relation to twins of siblings and parents who don't live in household; partners of twins; form of employment of all household members
	Marital status	fam	3_basic module	SOEP 2014	>= 10	x	x	x			Marital status
	Partnership/gender Partner	fam	3_basic module	SOEP 2014	>= 10	x	x	x			Permanent relationship, gender of partner
	Housing characteristics	liv	household questionnaire	SOEP 2014; Pairfam (wave 1, anchor)						x	Housing conditions (e.g. subletting, rented apartment/house, residential property), duration of residence in dwelling, type of household (e.g. parental household, own household)
	Gross household income, social benefits	inc	household questionnaire	SOEP 2014; 2003						x	Monthly personal gross income, social allowances / benefits ( e.g. child and parental benefit, continued pay in maternity leave)
	Net equivalent household income	inc	generated variable	OECD equivalence scales						x	New OECD scheme using monthly household net income of all household members and age



# ZYGOSITY

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**Zygosity questionnaire**

**Self-rated zygosity**

**Twin specific questions**



# ZYGOSITY

- **Zygosity questionnaire**

- Adult twins – self report both twins
  - e.g. eye and skin color, physiological characteristics, confusion etc.

Age >= 17

Twin 1

Twin 2

- Child Twins – parent report
  - e.g. eye and skin color, physiological characteristics, confusion etc.

Age <= 16

Twin 1

Twin 2



# ZYGOSITY

- **Self-rated zygosity (parents, twins)**

- e.g. „Do you believe the twins/you are fraternal or identical twins?“

Twin 1

Twin 2

- **Twin specific questions**

- Parent and partner report – e.g. similarity of clothing, frequency of contact, shared interests
  - e.g. „Do the twins in general share the same hobbies and interests?“

Twin 1

Twin 2



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<b>Zygosity &amp; Twin specific questions</b>											
<b>Zygosity questionnaire</b>	Parental-report for cohort 1 & 2	<b>zyg</b>	1_zygosity questionnaire for cohorts 1 & 2	Similarity Questionnaire	< 16	x					
	Self-report for cohort 3 & 4	<b>zyg</b>	1_zygosity questionnaire for cohorts 3 & 4	Similarity Questionnaire	>= 16	x					
	Zygosity determined by saliva test	<b>zyg0101</b>	Person	DNA genotyping			x				
	Zygosity determined by questionnaire information	<b>zyg0100</b>	Person	TwinLife			x				
	Zygosity determined by questionnaire information; corrected by saliva test if differing	<b>zyg0102</b>	Person	TwinLife			x				'Final' zygosity variable
<b>Self-rated zygosity</b>	Parental-report for cohort 1 & 2	<b>zyg0700</b>	1_zygosity questionnaire for cohorts 1 & 2	Similarity Questionnaire	< 16	x					e.g. „Do you believe the twins are fraternal or identical twins?“
	Self-report for cohort 3 & 4	<b>zyg1800</b>	1_zygosity questionnaire for cohorts 3 & 4	Similarity Questionnaire	>= 16	x					e.g. „Do you believe you are fraternal or identical twins?“
<b>Twin specific questions</b>		<b>tst</b>	4_sensitive personal information	TwinLife		x					
		<b>tss</b>	information	TwinLife				x			
		<b>tsp</b>	3_Basic module	TwinLife			x				
		<b>tsf</b>	Person	TwinLife					x		

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# SOURCES OF TWINLIFE INFORMATION, DATA & DOCUMENTS

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- **TwinLife website:**
  - <http://www.twin-life.de/en/data>
  - Provides information on contents, methodology, remarks and publications
- **GESIS Data Archive for the Social Sciences:**
  - <http://www.gesis.org/en/institute/gesis-scientific-departments/data-archive-for-the-social-sciences/>
  - Data service for national and international comparative surveys from social and political science research
- **Access through GESIS Data Catalogue:**
  - <http://dx.doi.org/10.4232/1.12665>
  - Contains study descriptions of all social science research data available at the GESIS Data Archive including TwinLife
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**General information on TwinLife**

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**Abstract**

TwinLife is a 12-year representative behavior genetic study investigating the emergence and development of social inequalities over the life course.

The long-term project began in 2014 and surveys more than 4,000 pairs of twins and their families in different stages of life on a yearly basis. All of the subjects reside in Germany. Not only social, but also genetic mechanisms as well as covariations and interactions between these two factors can be examined with the help of identical and fraternal same-sex twins.

In order to document the individual development of different aspects it is important to examine the families extensively over the course of several years. Six important contextual domains are focused on: 1. Education and academic performance / skill development, 2. career and labor market attainment, 3. integration and participation in social, cultural and political life, 4. quality of life and perceived capabilities, 5. physical and psychological health and 6. behavioral problems and deviant behavior.

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1. Education and academic performance / skill development: In this domain data on grades, educational motivations, levels of education are collected in addition to information on cognitive abilities, personality traits / noncognitive skills and their development.



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The screenshot shows the GESIS Data Catalogue website. The header includes the GESIS logo (Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften), language options (Deutsch), and a contact link. A navigation bar contains links for DBK Home, Search, Browse (highlighted), Overview, Account, and News. The user status is 'not logged on'.

The main content area displays the dataset 'ZA6701: TwinLife'. A callout box with the text 'Information on design and status of data collection' points to the 'Methodology' tab, which is highlighted in orange. The 'Methodology' tab is part of a set of tabs including Bibliographic Citation, Content, Data & Documents, Errata & Versions, and Further Remarks.

Geographic Coverage	Germany (DE)
Universe	Twins and their families (Extended Twin Family Design, ETFD): Monozygotic and dizygotic same-sex twin pairs born in the following years: 1.) 1990 and 1991, 2.) 1997, 3.) 2003 and 4.) 2009 (4 birth cohorts) + at least one biological parent  (+ if possible the other biological parent, step-parent(-s), one sibling and the twins' partners)
Selection Method	Probability Sample: Multistage Sample
Mode of Data Collection	Household interviews with the family via three different interview modes (Face-to-face interview: CAPI (Computer Assisted Personal Interview), Self-administered questionnaire: CASI (Computer Assisted Self-Interview), and Self-administered questionnaire: Paper plus cognitive tests, scans/photos of certificates; interviews with family members living outside the interviewed households by two modes (Self-administered questionnaire: CAWI (Computer Assisted Web Interview), Self-administered questionnaire: Paper.



# DATA ACCESS VIA GESIS DATA CATALOGUE

Access to data and documents  
of *TwinLife* including the Data Use  
Agreement

ZA6701: TwinLife

Data & Documents Errata & Versions Further Remarks

Dataset	Number of Units: 8314 Personen, 2009 Familien
	Number of Variables: 2571 (Personenformat), 8898 (Familienformat)
	Data Type: Stata, SPSS
	Analysis System(s): SPSS, Stata
Availability ⓘ	C - Data and documents are only released for academic research and teaching depositor's written authorization. For this purpose the Data Archive obtains a specification of the user and the analysis intention.
Download of Data and Documents ⓘ	

⬇ Datasets Questionnaires Other Documents DDI Documents ⬆

- ZA6701\_Data\_Use\_Agreement.zip English (User Contract) 59 KBytes
- ZA6701\_Datennutzungsvertrag.zip German (User Contract) 59 KBytes

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and



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- (6) Data structure and documentation (DDI on rails) (p.67)**



# DATA STRUCTURE: SUF

- Since october 2016, the data of the first face-to-face interview for the first half-wave is available as a **Scientific Use File (SUF)** via the GESIS Data Catalogue
  - 1 data set in “**individual format**” (“long”)
    - 1 row per **person**
    - All survey data incl. information on household & family structure (gross household composition incl. non-participating household members)
    - Information on participation in the survey overall and the single questionnaires / modules in particular
  - 1 data set in “**family format**” (“wide”)
    - 1 row per **family**
    - Information of each participating person in the family stored in separate variables / columns
  - 1 data set containing **zygosity questionnaire** information
  - 1 **mode data set** containing the survey mode of each variable for each person



# DATA STRUCTURE: PERSON CODES

- **Person codes**

- numbers in variable ‘ptyp’ and final letters in variable names
  - e.g. ‘sre0200t’ for the variable ‘sibling relationship’ concerning twin 1

<b>Code</b>	<b>Person</b>	<b>ptyp</b>
<b>t</b>	Twin 1	1
<b>u</b>	Twin 2	2
<b>s</b>	Surveyed sibling – <i>full or half; details see variable fpr0107</i>	200
<b>p</b>	Partner of twin 1	110
<b>q</b>	Partner of twin 2	120
<b>m</b>	Mother of twins – <i>biological, adoptive &amp; foster; details see variable fpr0107</i>	300
<b>n</b>	Partner of twins’ father / “stepmother”	600
<b>f</b>	Father of twins – <i>biological, adoptive &amp; foster; details see variable fpr0107</i>	400
<b>g</b>	Partner of twins’ mother / “stepfather”	500



# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

- **Example**

1) „**Individual**“ format („**long**“ dataset)



**pas0100m**

2) „**Family**“ format („**wide**“ dataset)



**pas0100m\_s1**



# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

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# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

	fid	fid_hhc	ptyp	pid	pas0100m
12	10021	1002101	200: Geschwister	10021200	5: sehr oft
26	10041	1004101	200: Geschwister	10041200	4: oft
38	10072	1007201	200: Geschwister	10072200	5: sehr oft
50	10089	1008901	200: Geschwister	10089200	4: oft
53	10091	1009101	200: Geschwister	10091200	3: manchmal
59	10100	1010001	200: Geschwister	10100200	3: manchmal
66	10117	1011701	200: Geschwister	10117200	5: sehr oft

- **Example 1)**

- What information is in the variable name “**pas0100m**” in the “**individual** format” (“**long**” dataset)?

**pas**

→ **variable stem:** parental style – child report



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- **Example 1)**

- What information is in the variable name “**pas0100m**” in the “**individual** format” (“**long**” dataset)?

**pas01**

→ **item block: parental style**



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- **Example 1)**

- What information is in the variable name “**pas0100m**” in the “**individual** format” (“**long**” dataset)?

**pas0100**

→ **item number:** shows affection



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- **Example 1)**

- What information is in the variable name “**pas0100m**” in the “**individual** format” (“**long**” dataset)?

**pas0100m**

→ **person code:** statement *about* mother



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- **Example 1)**

- What information is in the variable name “**pas0100m**” in the “**individual** format” (“**long**” dataset)?

**pas0100m**

→ *Item assessing the child's rating of parental style, more precisely on how much affection the parent, here the mother, shows*



# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

- **Example**

1) „Individual“ format („long“ dataset)



**pas0100m**

2) „Family“ format („wide“ dataset)



**pas0100m\_s1**



# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

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- **Example 2)**
  - What further information is in the variable names in the “family format” (“wide” dataset), e.g. “pas0100m\_s1”?

**pas0100m\_s**

→ **person code:** sibling *provides* information



# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

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- **Example 2)**
  - What further information is in the variable names in the “family format” (“wide” dataset), e.g. “pas0100m\_s1”?

**pas0100m\_s1**

→ **Survey year code:** first survey year



# DATA STRUCTURE: VARIABLE NAMES

- **Example 2)**
  - What further information is in the variable names in the “family format” (“wide” dataset), e.g. “pas0100m\_s1”?

**pas0100m\_s1**

→ *Item assessing the child’s rating of parental style, more precisely on how much affection the parent, here the mother, shows – rated by the sibling in the first survey year*



# DATA STRUCTURE: MISSING VALUES

- Codes and definitions for missing values:

<i>Code</i>	<i>Specification</i>
-99	not specified (refused to answer)
-98	don't know
-97	doesn't apply (specification of other category) – <i>for multi-categorical items</i>
-96	“mixed missing values” – e.g. “don't know/not specified”
-95	doesn't apply (screened out)
-94	technical error / faulty insertion
-93	unclear classification of system missing – <i>only for paper-and-pencil questionnaires</i>
-92	no participation in survey module
-91	reply on request (for sensitive questions)
-90	no participate in survey wave
-87	multiple answers
other -80s	different meanings



# DOCUMENTATION VIA DDI ON RAILS

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- **Access to documentation of the *TwinLife* data:**

<https://data.soep.de/twinlife>

- Pools the documentation of several German panel studies (besides *TwinLife*, e.g. *SOEP* and *pairfam*)
- Document variables
  - variable and value labels, categories, frequencies, analytical level), questions / questionnaires (wording, filters)
- Allows searching for specific topics (e.g. “attitudes, values, and personality”)
- Allows comparisons of characteristics between points of observation (in panels), but also documents changes in wording of questions



# DOCUMENTATION VIA DDI ON RAILS

<https://data.soep.de/twinlife>

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## TwinLife

### Citation

- **Title:** TwinLife - A genetically informative, longitudinal study about the development of social inequality
- **Principle Investigators:** Prof. Dr. Martin Diewald (martin.diewald@uni-bielefeld.de); Prof. Dr. Rainer Riemann (rainer.riemann@uni-bielefeld.de); Prof. Dr. Frank M. Spinath (f.spinath@mx.uni-saarland.de)
- **URL:** <http://www.twin-life.de/>

### Study info

TwinLife is a 12-year representative behavior genetic study investigating the emergence and development of social inequalities over the life course. The long-term project began in 2014 and surveys more than 4,000 pairs of twins and their families in different stages of life on a yearly basis. All of the subjects reside in Germany. Not only social, but also genetic mechanisms as well as covariations and interactions between these two factors can be examined with the help of identical and fraternal same-sex twins. In order to document the individual development of different aspects it is important to examine the families extensively over the course of several years. Six important contextual domains are focused on: 1.) Education and academic performance / skill development, 2.) career and labor market attainment, 3.) integration and participation in social, cultural and political life, 4.) quality of life and perceived capabilities, 5.) physical and psychological health and 6.) behavioral problems and deviant behavior. In order to take a close look at the development of social inequalities, TwinLife does not only examine different etiological factors, but also different indicators of personal and social success and failure respectively. On part of the conditional factors genetic disposition as well as aspects of the environment that the children and adolescents are living in are considered. On part of the consequences not only objective but also subjective information is observed. Children are born into an environment which influences them, but on the other hand they react and interact differently depending on their individual characteristics and thereby shape their environment. To allow for an accurate examination of the reciprocal processes by which individual dispositions and environmental conditions influence each other data on the illustrated

Study info
Name: twinlife
Label: TwinLife

**Overall  
information on  
TwinLife study**



# ACCESS TO TWINLIFE DATASETS AND INSTRUMENTS

<https://data.soep.de/twinlife>

## Datasets

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Search:

Name	Label	Conceptual	Period	Analysis unit
<a href="#">za6701_person_v1-0-0</a>	Person-year survey dataset	gross/net/gen	long	person
<a href="#">za6701_zygosity_v1-0-0</a>	Zygosity dataset	net/gen	wave 1 F2F	person/family

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## Instruments

Show 10 entries

Search:

Name	Label	Period	Analysis Unit
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_alteri-fragebogen</a>	Paper questionnaire for Alteri		
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_alteri-onlinefragebogen</a>	Online questionnaire for Alteri		
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_familienprotokoll</a>	Family protocol		
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_haushaltsfragebogen</a>	Household questionnaire		
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_modul1_zygk1k2</a>	Module 1: Zygosity questionnaire for cohorts 1 and 2		
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_modul1_zygk3k4</a>	Module 1: Zygosity questionnaire for cohorts 3 and 4		
<a href="#">twinlife-2014-f2f_modul3_basismodul</a>	Module 3: Basic module		

**Example:** access to household questionnaire



# EXAMPLE: HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

<https://data.soep.de/twinlife>

## Household questionnaire [instrument]

/twinlife/inst/twinlife-2014-f2f\_haushaltsfragebogen

Information on household composition

### Questions

Show  entries

Search:

Sort	Question	Name
0	Since what month / year have you personally been living in this dwelling?	liv0100
1	Since what month / year have you personally been living in this dwelling?	liv0101
2	Since what month / year have you personally been living in this dwelling?	liv0102
3	Since what month / year have you personally been living in this dwelling?	liv0198
4	Since what month / year have you personally been living in this dwelling?	liv0199
5	Are you the main tenant, subletter, or owner?	liv0200
6	Are you the main tenant, subletter, or owner?	liv0201
7	Are you the main tenant, subletter, or owner?	liv0300
8	Are you the main tenant, subletter, or owner?	liv0301
9	In what type of household do you live?	liv0400

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#### Instrument info

Name: twinlife-  
2014-f2f\_haushaltsfragebogen  
Label: Household questionnaire

**Example:** variables of  
the household  
questionnaire



# EXAMPLE: HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

<https://data.soep.de/twinlife>

## Household questionnaire [instrument]

/twinlife/inst/twinlife-2014-f2f\_haushaltsfragebogen

Information on household composition

### Questions

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Here you can **search**  
for variables or  
constructs using key  
words

Search: income|

#### Instrument info

Name: twinlife-  
2014-f2f\_haushaltsfragebogen  
Label: Household questionnaire

Sort	Question	Name
11	If you look at the total income of all of the members of your household: what is your monthly household income today?	inc0400
12	If you can't or do not wish to tell us the exact amount, then please indicate in which income group your monthly gross income can be classified.	inc0403

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**Example:** variable  
"inc0403"



# EXAMPLE: HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONNAIRE

<https://data.soep.de/twinlife>

Example: variable  
"inc0403"

inc0403

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filter: inc0400 == -98 | inc0400 == -99
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If you can't or do not wish to tell us the exact amount, then please indicate in which income group your monthly gross income can be classified.

- ☐ 1: below 500 Euro
- ☐ 2: 500 up to below 1,000 Euro
- ☐ 3: 1,000 up to below 1,500 Euro
- ☐ 4: 1,500 up to below 2,000 Euro
- ☐ 5: 2,000 up to below 2,500 Euro
- ☐ 6: 2,500 up to below 3,000 Euro
- ☐ 7: 3,000 up to below 4,000 Euro
- ☐ 8: 4,000 up to below 5,000 Euro
- ☐ 9: 5,000 up to below 6,000 Euro
- ☐ 10: 6,000 up to below 7,000 Euro
- ☐ 11: 7,000 up to below 8,000 Euro
- ☐ 12: 8,000 up to below 10,000 Euro
- ☐ 13: 10,000 up to below 20,000 Euro
- ☐ 14: 20,000 Euro and above
- ☐ -98: don't know
- ☐ -99: not specified (refused to answer)