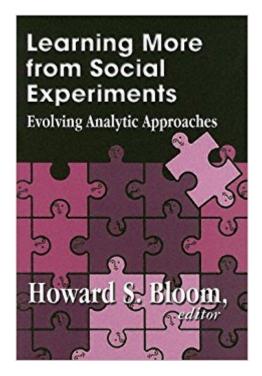


## The book was found

# Learning More From Social Experiments: Evolving Analytic Approaches





### Synopsis

Policy analysis has grown increasingly reliant on the random assignment experiment  $\hat{A}\phi\hat{a} - \hat{a} \cdot \hat{a}$ research method whereby participants are sorted by chance into either a program group that is subject to a government policy or program, or a control group that is not. Because the groups are randomly selected, they do not differ from one another systematically. Therefore any differences between the groups at the end of the study can be attributed solely to the influence of the program or policy. But there are many questions that randomized experiments have not been able to address. What component of a social policy made it successful? Did a given program fail because it was designed poorly or because it suffered from low participation rates? In Learning More from Social Experiments, editor Howard Bloom and a team of innovative social researchers profile advancements in the scientific underpinnings of social policy research that can improve randomized experimental studies. Using evaluations of actual social programs as examples, Learning More from Social Experiments makes the case that many of the limitations of random assignment studies can be overcome by combining data from these studies with statistical methods from other research designs. Carolyn Hill, James Riccio, and Bloom profile a new statistical model that allows researchers to pool data from multiple randomized-experiments in order to determine what characteristics of a program made it successful. Lisa Gennetian, Pamela Morris, Johannes Bos, and Bloom discuss how a statistical estimation procedure can be used with experimental data to single out the effects of a program  $\hat{A}\phi\hat{a} - \hat{a}_{\mu}\phi$ s intermediate outcomes (e.g., how closely patients in a drug study adhere to the prescribed dosage) on its ultimate outcomes (the health effects of the drug). Sometimes, a social policy has its true effect on communities and not individuals, such as in neighborhood watch programs or public health initiatives. In these cases, researchers must randomly assign treatment to groups or clusters of individuals, but this technique raises different issues than do experiments that randomly assign individuals. Bloom evaluates the properties of cluster randomization, its relevance to different kinds of social programs, and the complications that arise from its use. He pays particular attention to the way in which the movement of individuals into and out of clusters over time complicates the design, execution, and interpretation of a study Learning More from Social Experiments represents a substantial leap forward in the analysis of social policies. By supplementing theory with applied research examples, this important new book makes the case for enhancing the scope and relevance of social research by combining randomized experiments with non-experimental statistical methods, and it serves as a useful guide for researchers who wish to do so.

### **Book Information**

Hardcover: 264 pages Publisher: Russell Sage Foundation (June 10, 2005) Language: English ISBN-10: 0871541270 ISBN-13: 978-0871541277 Product Dimensions: 1.2 x 6.2 x 9 inches Shipping Weight: 1.2 pounds Average Customer Review: Be the first to review this item Best Sellers Rank: #794,216 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #130 inà Â Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > Regional Planning #930 inà Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Methodology #1752 inà Â Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Research

#### **Customer Reviews**

HOWARD S.Ã Â BLOOM is chief social scientist at MDRC.

#### Download to continue reading...

Learning More from Social Experiments: Evolving Analytic Approaches Simple Machine Experiments Using Seesaws, Wheels, Pulleys, and More: One Hour or Less Science Experiments (Last-Minute Science Projects) Social Media: Master Social Media Marketing - Facebook, Twitter, Youtube & Instagram (Social Media, Social Media Marketing, Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, Instagram, Pinterest) Social Security & Medicare Facts 2016: Social Security Coverage, Maximization Strategies for Social Security Benefits, Medicare/Medicaid, Social Security Taxes, Retirement & Disability, Ser The Everything Kids' Easy Science Experiments Book: Explore the world of science through quick and fun experiments! (Everything Â® Kids) Science Experiments For Kids: 40 + Cool Kids Science Experiments (A Fun & Safe Kids Science Experiment Book) Garbage and Recycling: Environmental Facts and Experiments (Young Discoverers: Environmental Facts and Experiments) Environmental Experiments About Air (Science Experiments for Young People) Dad's Book of Awesome Science Experiments: From Boiling Ice and Exploding Soap to Erupting Volcanoes and Launching Rockets, 30 Inventive Experiments to Excite the Whole Family! (Dads Book of Awesome) Space and Astronomy Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments) Genetics Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments) Human Body Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments) Rain Forest Experiments: 10 Science Experiments in One Hour or Less (Last Minute Science Projects with Biomes) Weather and Climate Experiments (Facts on File

Science Experiments) Experiments for Future Forensic Scientists (Experiments for Future Stem Professionals) Physical Science Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments) Ecology Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments) Environmental Science Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments) Environmental Science Experiments (Experiments for Future Scientists) Marine Science Experiments (Facts on File Science Experiments)

Contact Us

DMCA

Privacy

FAQ & Help