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To: Diane Reynolds; H
Subject: Re: 1st Daughters

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It's hardly a valid sample size, but it's interesting nonetheless. And the historical pattern aside, Romney just also happens to be down 20 pts among women.

It makes complete sense to me that a man with daughters would be affected in ways someone with only sons wouldn't be.

I was surprised though that this USA Today article was all I could find. It's based on a Yale study which was an update of another study also looking at Congressional voting patterns. Seems like it's something someone would have researched on a broader scale, but I can't find anything else.

Tons of stuff online though about a man's likelihood to have girls vs boys, correlations between biological/genetic traits and the sex of offspring. And some interesting theories about why there was a statistically significant imbalance in the girl/boy ratio in countries like the UK in the years after WWI

It's an even less valid sample size, but our last three Presidents were the first baby boomers elected, and they only have daughters.

Conversely, Todd Aiken has six kids, including two daughters.

I guess my next step will be to look for the last person to win their party's nomination but went on to lose the general election, and see who didn't have daughters. If the pattern holds, it's further anecdotal evidence that we look for certain attributes in our Presidents, supported by the fact that no matter who won, they would have possessed that trait. Off the top of my head working backwards, McCain, Kerry, Gore, Dole (I think), Dukakis (I think), and Mondale all had daughters. Further back will require the Google.

Studies: Having Daughters Changes Men
By Sharon Jayson
USA TODAY
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Daughters are shaped by their fathers, of course, but being the father of girls also can change the way men look at the world, research suggests.

In a study completed last month, a Yale researcher found that male congressmen with daughters are more likely to support women's issues than those without daughters.

The findings, an update to a study published last year by the National Bureau of Economic Research, also show that the more daughters a congressman had, the more likely he was to vote for reproductive rights, says Ebonya Washington, an assistant economics professor at Yale.

Her new research, not yet published, expands on an analysis she did of roll-call votes during the 105th Congress in 1997-98 when she examined family composition and compared the data with voting records compiled by other groups. She used rankings by the National Organization for Women, based on votes on 20 women's issues such as equal rights,

women's safety, economic security, education, health and reproductive rights. She also reviewed voting data from the National Right to Life Committee.

Her new analysis included congressional votes through 2004 and added information from another group: the American Association of University Women. She again found voting record support for a daughter-to-father influence.

Prior research into the father-daughter bond has centered more on anecdotes and less on science, says Kyle Pruett, a clinical professor of psychiatry at Yale University's Child Study Center.

Pruett, who has three daughters ages 8 to 35, began interviews with 20 families with stay-at-home dads in 1982. He did follow-up interviews after eight and 10 years and included some of his findings in his 2000 book, *Fatherneed*. "Daughters make (fathers) think differently about how they're going to make the world a better place," he says.

Sociology professor Scott Coltrane of the University of California-Riverside interviewed 80 parents of schoolchildren in California for his 1996 book *Family Man*.

"Fathers who have only daughters tend to instill in their daughters an achievement motivation," he says. "They become more sensitive to discrimination — cultural images about girls and their body image and sexuality, violence against women and equal opportunity in the workplace."

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From: Energy
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That's fascinating. What did you then conclude?!
Thank you for sharing Philippe.

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Long story as to why I thought to research this, but here's another historical trend working against Mitt Romney and his brood of only sons: it has been half a century since we've had a President without a daughter. It's happened only once in the past 80 years.

- Obama: Sascha & Malia
- Bush: Jenna & Barbara
- WJC: CVC
- Bush: Dorothy
- Reagan: Maureen
- Carter: Amy
- Ford: Susan
- Nixon: Tricia & Julie
- LBJ: Lynda & Luci
- JFK: Caroline
- Ike: (sons only)

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- Truman: Margaret
- FDR: Anna

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