

BIRTH ORDER RESEARCH 1963-1967: BIBLIOGRAPHY AND INDEX

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Birth order and its consequents have been of intermittent interest to psychologists for almost a century, since Galton (2), and perhaps longer. Some 50 years later, Adler (1, pp. 321-323), as part of his personality theory, stressed the importance of the situation into which a person is born, including family size, sex of siblings, and birth order. In recent years, greatly stimulated by the work of Schachter (3), research on birth order effects has been mounting.

In view of this great increase in research we thought even a limited bibliography such as the present one would be of some interest. It consists of entries dated 1963 to 1967, found under the heading of "birth order" or relevant cross references in the *Psychological Abstracts*, 1963 through November, 1967, the last issue available at the time of our compilation. The 119 titles listed are distributed as follows over the five years in question: 17, 23, 21, 28, 30. These figures express, however, the actual trend only very incompletely since the later years are by necessity progressively less fully covered than the earlier years, with the smallest part of the literature covered for 1967, since our search ended with the 1967 *Psychological Abstracts*, and the November issue at that.

The bibliography is followed by an index of the variables studied, based largely on information derived from the titles of the papers.

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