

So this document didn't originally post. But here is my response to the article by Jennifer Senior we read on Tuesday. The section I picked was the section that starts with "In the past couple of decades..".

According to his article, there has been a study that male earning potential correlates with height and adolescent weight plays part in confidence as an adult. I disagree with the first study completely, or maybe I'm just confused on how it can be supported with any concrete facts. The observation and scientific study that claims male earning potential correlates with height seems flimsy. How can one say that a man who is taller in adulthood can potentially earn more than a shorter man? Just make a general statement like that doesn't make sense. If scientists were to address why they "believe" this observation, maybe even consider that shorter men may be less confident and self-conscious, making their height detrimental. I can see how on a psychological level height might inhibit or affect wage earnings but on a physical basic observation of height plays a role in potential earnings is a stretch. The other scientific claim in this section I do agree with and understand it because it is something that plays a giant role in everyday society. I think the idea that physical weight in adolescence affects weight in adulthood is a very strong claim. Often times overweight people seem to experience emotional side-effects and extra burden that follows them into adulthood. The low-self-esteem, lack of self-worth and feelings of unattractiveness create problems in the workplace. It is a known fact that people who have low self-esteem fail or suffer in a work environment. This claim is supported by countless facts. People can't work hard and do well at a job if they feel like they are incapable of success. It is proven that people who feel beautiful and attractive thrive in the workplace. I think that this generalization only applies though when people FEEL beautiful, not if they just look physically beautiful. Even though I thought this entire article was well developed and had many interesting and controversial points, I thought the height-wage correlation study was weak and did not benefit this article.