

Feldstein, Martin. "Social Security and Saving: New Time Series Evidence," National Tax Journal, Vol. 49, 1996, pp. 151-164.

1. What is the goal of this study?
2. What impact might Social Security have on an individual's behavior? Why is it important to understand these effects?
3. The Durbin-Watson statistic in Feldstein's first regression is .68 which signifies positive autocorrelation. Is this result surprising?
4. In equation 2, Feldstein corrects for autocorrelation. How do the results from equation 1 compare with equation 2?
5. Various measures are used for Social Security wealth. Why are these tested? What does the author find?
6. In Table 3, Feldstein includes several explanatory variables that were not included in earlier tables. What is the motivation behind including these variables? Why is it important to investigate the effect of these variables on consumer spending?