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Research and data collection expert, focusing on the wealth and income of Americans

Biography

Jay Zagorsky is an economist and research scientist at The Ohio State University. He has expertise in personal finance, macroeconomics and health economics.

Jay's research on personal financial topics has looked at many subjects. For example, his research has looked at if you have to be smart to become rich, calculated the impact of divorce on wealth, how much people spend of their inheritances, how long it takes to financially recover from bankruptcy, and understanding how couples perceive the family's finances among many topics.

Jay has spent years investigating and teaching about macroeconomic issues: His textbook "Business Macroeconomics" covers all aspects of global and national economies. He is able to explain recessions, depressions and other business cycle topics issue. He is also an expert in clarifying for readers changes in the labor market, inflation and GDP.

Jay's research in health economics has shown that the Freshman 15, the dreaded weight gain during the first year of college is actually a myth. He found that smoking hurts wealth just like it hurts health. His work shows that all types of people -- the rich, the poor and the middle class -- eat fast food. He also tracked the number of women on maternity leave and found that since the 1990s the number has stalled. He has written a number of papers on the impact of obesity in US society and found evidence that food stamp usage is linked to weight gain.

Jay is one of Ohio State's most widely read bloggers, with numerous in pieces the The Conversation and his own blog. He also has his own YouTube channel called the "The Eclectic Economist." Beyond his research, Jay has taught approximately 100 courses to about 7,000 students.

Industry Expertise

Research, Writing and Editing, Education/Learning, Human Resources, Management Consulting

Areas of Expertise

National Longitudinal Surveys, Data Collection, Human Resources, Economic Theory

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