Figure 2.1. Fertility rate and number of live births, United States, 1910-1980.

FIGURE 4.1
The Trend in
Women's Work Outside the Home

For each age group, the curve shows the percentage of women in the labor force from 1890 to 1975. Before 1940, labor force participation trended upward for both younger and older women. After 1940, younger and older women show sharply contrasting movements.

Source: Appendix Table 4.1.
Following a period of slight decline and stability in the post-World War II period, young men’s crime rates (as shown by the upper panel) and suicide rates (middle panel) turned sharply upward after 1960, as generation size increased. In contrast, the suicide rate of older men after 1960 (lower panel) did not follow the rising path taken by that for younger men.

Source: Appendix Table 6.2.