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Let the Girls Learn! It is not Only about Math ... It's about Gender Social Norms

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Highlights

- *The positi*ve effects of country-of-ancestry gender social norms on girls' math test scores relative to those of boys expand to other subjects (reading and science).
- Culture effects on gender test gaps are shaped by beliefs on women's political empowerment and economic opportunity.
- Culture effects on gender test gaps are driven by parents' influencing their children's (especially their girls') preferences.
- These findings are driven by cognitive skills, but not on other attributes for success-such as non-cognitive skills.
- Our results highlight the relevance of general (as opposed to math-specific) gender stereotypes on the math gender gap.

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