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Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything is the debut non-fiction book by University of Chicago economist Steven Levitt and New York Times journalist Stephen J. Dubner. Published on April 12, 2005, by William Morrow, the book has been described as melding pop culture with economics. By late 2009, the book had sold over 4 million copies worldwide. Based on the success of the original book, Levitt and Dubner have grown the *Freakonomics* brand into a multi-media franchise, with a sequel book, a feature film, a regular radio segment on National Public Radio, and a weekly blog.

Freakonomics (film)

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Freakonomics Radio

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Freakonomics Radio is an American public radio program and podcast network which discusses socioeconomic issues for a general audience. While the network, as of 2023, includes five programs, the primary podcast is also named *Freakonomics* and is a spin-off of the 2005 book *Freakonomics*. Journalist Stephen Dubner hosts the show, with economist Steven Levitt as a regular guest, both of whom co-wrote the book of the same name. The show is primarily distributed as a podcast, and is among the most popular on iTunes.

Stephen J. Dubner

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Stephen Joseph Dubner (born August 26, 1963) is an American author, journalist, and podcast and radio host. He is co-author of the popular *Freakonomics* book series: *Freakonomics*, *SuperFreakonomics*, *Think Like a Freak* and *When to Rob a Bank*. He is the host of *Freakonomics Radio*.

SuperFreakonomics

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SuperFreakonomics: Global Cooling, Patriotic Prostitutes, and Why Suicide Bombers Should Buy Life Insurance is the second non-fiction book by University of Chicago economist Steven Levitt and The New York Times journalist Stephen J. Dubner, released in early October 2009 in Europe and on October 20, 2009 in the United States. It is a sequel to *Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything*.

Legalized abortion and crime effect

the Freakonomics podcast, with Reyes saying that, from her perspective "both stories are true"; Society portal Lead–crime hypothesis Freakonomics by Levitt

A theory regarding the effect of legalized abortion on crime (often referred to as the Donohue–Levitt hypothesis) is a controversial hypothesis about the reduction in crime in the decades following the legalization of abortion. Proponents argue that the availability of abortion resulted in fewer births of children at the highest risk of committing crime. The earliest research suggesting such an effect was a 1966 study in Sweden. In 2001, Steven Levitt of the University of Chicago and John Donohue of Yale University, citing their research and earlier studies, argued that children who are unwanted or whose parents cannot support them are likelier to become criminals. This idea was further popularized by its inclusion in the book *Freakonomics*, which Levitt co-wrote.

Critics have argued that Donohue and Levitt's methodologies are flawed and that no statistically significant relationship between abortion and later crime rates can be proven. Criticisms include the assumption in the Donohue-Levitt study that abortion rates increased substantially since the 1973 Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*; critics use census data to show that the changes in the overall abortion rate could not account for the decrease in crime claimed by the study's methodology (legal abortions had been permitted under limited circumstances in many states prior). Other critics state that the correlations between births and crime found by Donohue–Levitt do not adequately account for confounding factors such as reduced drug use, changes in demographics and population densities, or other contemporary cultural changes.

Part of the problem is the long and uncertain time lag between cause and effect. If increased abortion rates reduce crime among the cohort of children born during a particular year, the effect would only become apparent ten to twenty years later. To isolate the effect of abortion on crime, it is necessary to control for other factors that affect birth cohorts (e.g., relative cohort size or the prevalence of crime during childhood) and those that have immediate effects in later years (e.g., wage or incarceration rates).

Sudhir Venkatesh

2011, Venkatesh was featured on Freakonomics Radio episode 42, "The Upside of Quitting." Venkatesh was also a Freakonomics blog contributor in 2008, authoring

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Venkatesh is the author of the book, *Gang Leader for a Day: A Rogue Sociologist Takes To The Streets*, published by Penguin Press in 2008. Venkatesh is also the host of *Sudhir Breaks the Internet*, a podcast published by Freakonomics Radio Network. Additionally, Venkatesh is a public writer and documentary filmmaker, and has held positions at Facebook and Twitter.

Steven Levitt

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Steven David Levitt (born May 29, 1967) is an American economist and co-author of the best-selling book *Freakonomics* and its sequels (along with Stephen J. Dubner). Levitt was the winner of the 2003 John Bates Clark Medal for his work in the field of crime, and is currently the William B. Ogden Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago as well as the Faculty Director and co-founder of the Center for Radical Innovation for Social Change at the University of Chicago which incubates the Data Science for Everyone coalition. He was co-editor of the *Journal of Political Economy* published by the University of Chicago Press until December 2007. In 2009, Levitt co-founded TGG Group, a business and philanthropy consulting company. He was chosen as one of Time magazine's "100 People Who Shape Our World" in 2006. A 2011 survey of economics professors named Levitt their fourth favorite living economist under the age of 60, after Paul Krugman, Greg Mankiw and Daron Acemoglu.

Jesusland map

fundamentalism in their political and popular culture.[citation needed] The Freakonomics blog opined that the map reflected the "despair, division, and bitterness"

The Jesusland map is an Internet meme created shortly after the 2004 U.S. presidential election that satirizes the red/blue states scheme by dividing the United States and Canada into "The United States of Canada" and "Jesusland". The map implies the existence of a fundamental political divide between contiguous northern and southern regions of North America, the former including both the socially liberal Canada and the West Coast, Northeastern, and Upper Midwestern U.S. states, and suggests that these states are closer in spirit to Canada than to the more conservative regions of their own country, which are characterized by the influence of Christian fundamentalism in their political and popular culture. The *Freakonomics* blog opined that the map reflected the "despair, division, and bitterness" of the election campaign and results. *Slate* also covered the image and posited that it might be the reason the Canadian immigration website received six times its usual page views the day after the 2004 election.

If Books Could Kill

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If Books Could Kill is a podcast hosted by Michael Hobbes and Peter Shamshiri, in which they critique bestselling nonfiction books of the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Books featured on the podcast have included *Freakonomics* by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner, *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell, and *The End of History and the Last Man* by Francis Fukuyama. First airing on November 2, 2022, the podcast has received largely positive reviews from critics.

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