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IPA Research on Values Training Featured in the New York Times

In an op-ed in the New York Times, David Leonhardt discusses the findings of IPA's evaluation of a Christian business training program in the Philippines. Leonhardt explores the results' implications with project researcher and IPA founder Dean Karlan, who concludes that the "findings are 'cautiously positive' for the power of religion."

The evaluation found that a program that combined health and livelihood training with sessions on religious values improved participants' incomes while a health and livelihood training alone did not. However, the religious program decreased participants' self-perception of their relative economic wellbeing. [Read our full summary of the evaluation here.](#)

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