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**In-class assignment #1: Economics in the News**

In your groups, read through the news article and answer the following questions. You can submit your answers as a group (be sure to include everyone's name).

1. In one sentence, write the research question discussed in the article. Do not copy the research question if it appears in the article. You should paraphrase the author's research question in your own words. Think carefully about how you would explain this to a classmate who has not read the article.
2. In one sentence, state the hypothesis the researcher is testing. Then, write this as a hypothesis test, clearly stating the null and alternative hypotheses.
3. Relate the discussion in the article to at least one economic theory. Draw the appropriate diagram (where applicable), and/or use a specific theoretical relationship from an earlier course. Use this model and related concepts to explain what the researcher expect to find when he/she conducts the hypothesis test above. There should be no reference to data in your answer – this has to do strictly with theory, not empirical observations.

