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Abstract

The field of behavioral economics can provide original insights into many areas of

economic decision-making. In my thesis I use the point of view of behavioral economics to

assess the current Czech pension reform plan. I study time discounting as the main

determinant of saving behavior and deal with its relationship to the Czech pension reform

architecture. The three fundamental features of the Czech pension reform plan that are

examined are entry into the private funded scheme that is to be introduced by the Czech

pension reform plan, the contribution rate into the private funded scheme and access to

deposits in the private funded scheme. In order to obtain data for my research I conducted

own survey. The results of statistical analysis confirmed the hypotheses of behavioral

economics that people exhibit heterogeneous time discounting which influences their saving

behavior and these characteristics can also determine their preference for the pension reform

features. It implies a possibility for policy-makers to take the behavioral impacts of the

pension reform aspects into consideration when improving its final design.

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