

《生育率上升？可能是假日狂欢所致》

科学家们一直很想知道，为什么在西方国家，9月和10月初出生率出现了上涨趋势。



In the United States, there's a holiday that goes hand in hand with romance. So much so that nine months later, there's a spike in the number of babies born. Valentine's day? Wrong! It seems that people in the U.S. and in other predominantly Christian countries have been having some very merry Christmases indeed. That's according to a study in the journal Scientific Reports.

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Scientists have long wondered why, in Western countries, birth rates spike in September and early October. "The prevailing hypothesis for this phenomenon postulates that there is a biological adaptation to the solar cycles." Luis Rocha of Indiana University co-led the study. He notes that nine months before this baby boomlet is the winter solstice. And when the days grow shorter and the night grows long, well, humans seem to turn to procreation for recreation.

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"However this hypothesis was built on observations pretty much restricted to Northern Hemisphere countries and also culturally Christian countries." And some data suggested there might be something cultural going on."So for

