Title of Article: Perceptions of the value of children among the Ijebu Yoruba.

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Abstract: This paper is based on an empirical study carried out in Ogun State. It examines parents' perception of the value of children among the Ijebu-Yoruba. It is argued that the persistence of high fertility in this society is largely attributable to the value placed on children. It focuses on such issues as children as contributors to household economy, children as a source of old-age security, the psychological benefits of children, sex preference, schooling as well as the perceived advantages and disadvantages of large number of children among the Ijebu-Yoruba.