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**The diverse role of social network
in the transmission of inequalities**
A case-study with complex measurement of social network



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Absztrakt

The effect of social network on status attainment is a well-known phenomenon in the literature. But different aspects of social network play different role in the process. Network ties are capable of opening vertical mobility channels as they can play a key role in getting better positions, but in less advantageous groups, network influence could also reduce status attainment opportunities. Higher status contacts and weaker ties offer more benefits, and strong (close) ties are usually less useful in the status attainment process, as these have access to the same resources as the ego. The limitations of different network methods also raise difficulties to analyze this complex question in a common frame.

In this paper, we examine, how the various indicators of social network affect status attainment in the different groups of the society. Our results show that network indicators do not have linear interactions with status origin on the reached status position. Using filtered regression models, we concluded that strong ties only affect status position in the higher class of the society and the prestige of weak ties matters more and more while stepping up on the social ladder. Additionally, we strengthened earlier results, that showed negative ties have negative effect on status attainment with one important addition: this negative effect appears in all status origin level, not only in the case of low-status origin.

Kulcsszavak

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