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ESE, Life Course, and Startup Activities



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Where you are and who you are

- Economic conditions
- Community support for entrepreneurship
- Available opportunities
- Psychological predispositions
- Life course challenges (notice title change)

PSED

- I: phone and mail, psychological propensity items in mail survey
- 1261 --- 1216 --- 871 --- 553
- II: phone only, not all PSED I items included
- 1214 --- 1206
- Total initial combined pool = 1,759

Years

- Three subsamples in PSED I
 - “mixed gender”
 - “women oversample”
 - “minority oversample” No R!
- So 3 years for all, 4 for all but minority
- Only one sample for PSED II, 5 years of data

Efficacy and life course

- Expectancy items in PSED I
 - Combination of desirability and confidence
 - ESE = confidence only (Qk1d, Qk1e, Qk1f)
- Life course based on age/cohort
 - Anticipation (20-29): 106 + 205
 - Launching (30-39): 158 + 239
 - Established (40-59): 251 + 626
- Total is 1,599 (160 in “shifting gears”)

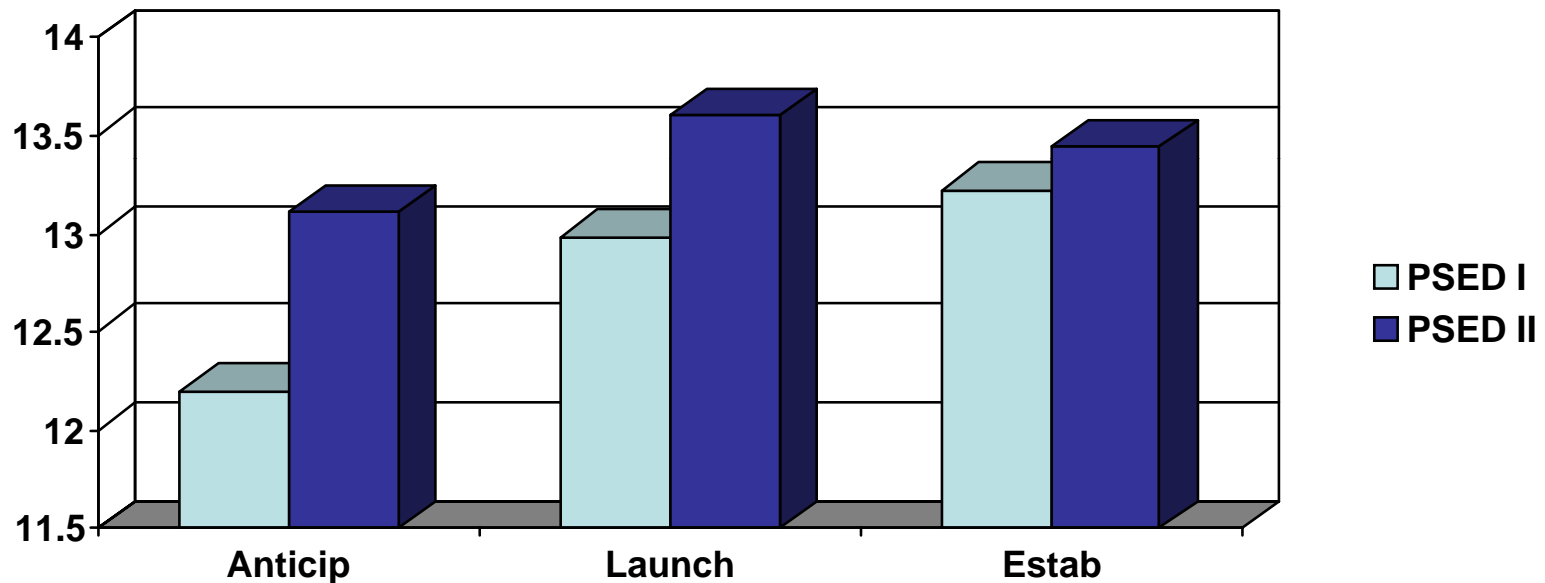
Startup activities

- PSED I
 - 28 items between Q114 and Q181
- PSED II
 - 31 items between AD2-28; AE 1-5; AE7-36
- Combined
 - Total of 18 common to both datasets

Specific activities

Q114/AD2	Q135/AD24	Q162/AE13
Q120/AD6	Q137/AD26	Q163/AE15
Q122/AD9	Q145/AE1	Q165/AE17
Q124/AD13	Q149/AE5	Q175/AE30
Q128/AD18	Q155/AE7	Q177/AE32
Q131/AD6	Q160/AE11	Q181/AE36

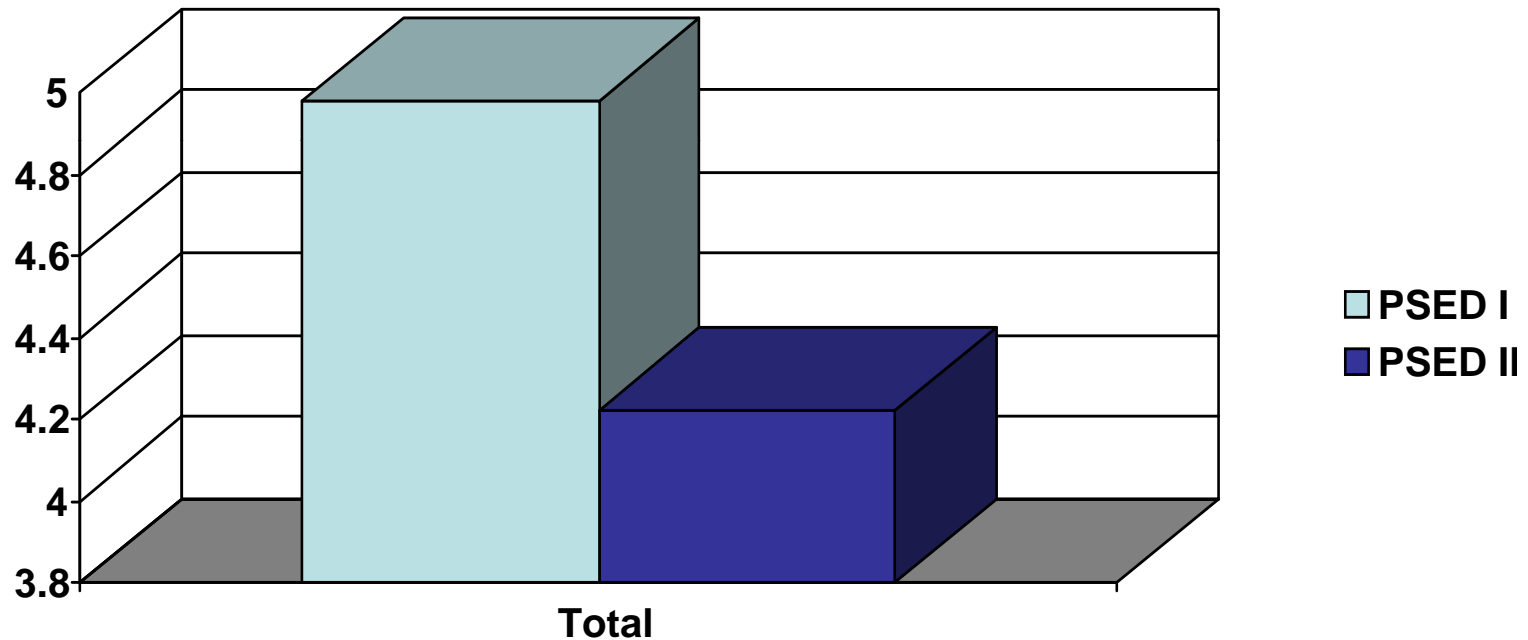
ESE differences across datasets



Life course $F(2, 1578) = 13.34, p < .000$

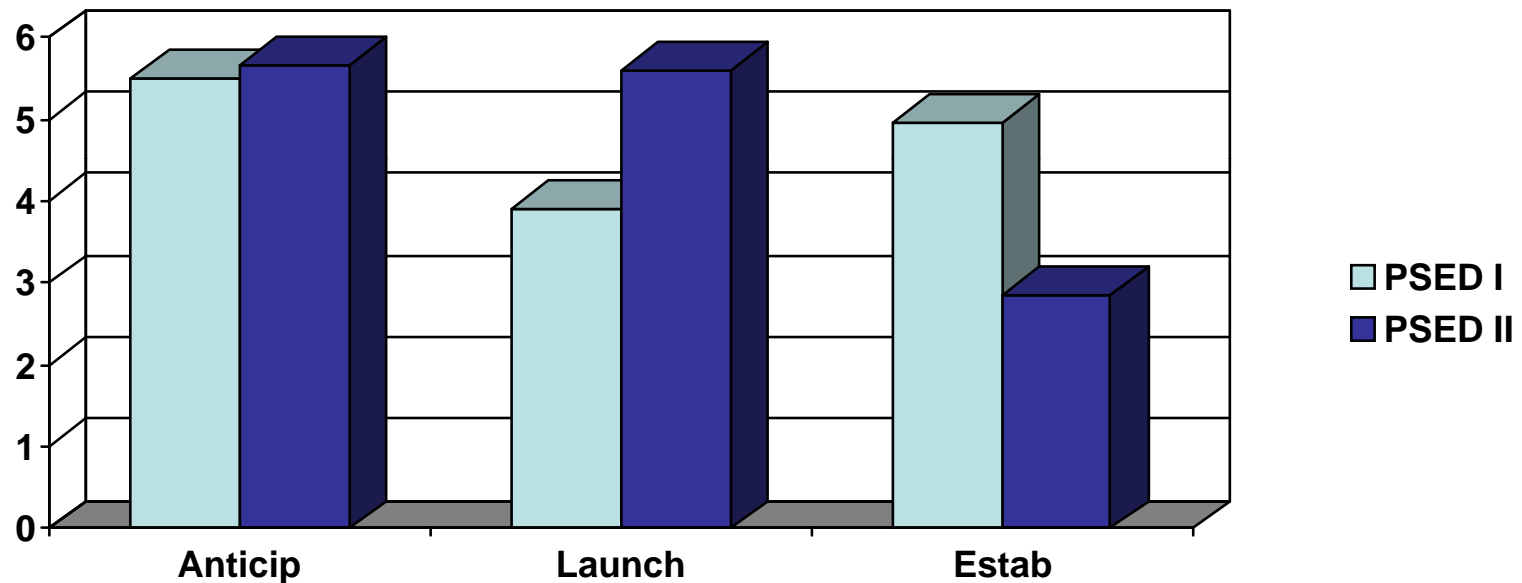
PSED $F(1, 1578) = 27.16, p < .000$

Activities differences across datasets



PSED $F(1, 1587) = 12.38, p < .000$

Start-up activities Year 2



Life course by data source:
 $F(2, 395) = 8.30, p < .000$

General conclusions

- Dataset matters (cohort?)
- Life course stage matters
- Unfortunately, relationship between ESE and startup behaviors is essentially zero, in Year 1 and Year 2
- For these data, *where* you are makes more of a difference than *who* you are