

Emily Oster Quotes

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Confusion, Pregnant, Mom, Humans, Fuel, Mother, Planes, Average, Hard
Work, Birth, Cookies, Ice*

Prenatal testing is a complicated decision for many women, forcing us to confront concerns about a disabled child and risks of miscarriage.

~Emily Oster

The key to good decision making is evaluating the available information - the data - and combining it with your own estimates of pluses and minuses. As an economist, I do this every day.

~Emily Oster

For many women - myself included - pregnancy brings on tremendous anxiety and confusion, along with the joy.

~Emily Oster

Good household decision-making often relies on thinking about your household like a firm.

~Emily Oster

All's fair in love and purchasing.

~Emily Oster

I travel a fair amount, read on the plane, and I read fast.

~Emily Oster

I think we've moved to thinking of parenting and pregnancy as something in which you should lose yourself.

~Emily Oster

There is some risk to increase birth defects if you do a lot of outdoor gardening when you are pregnant. That can increase rates of toxoplasmosis.

~Emily Oster

In short, humans are programmed to get bored.

~Emily Oster

Talking to women about birth can be polarizing.

~Emily Oster

As people do a task, they improve at it.

~Emily Oster

Because economics is all about optimising, doing the best you can with what you have - it's usually the first place you should look for answers if you want to maximise your happiness.

~Emily Oster

Economists actually disagree about whether there are significant economic returns from attending an elite college versus a less-selective one.

~Emily Oster

Even if you are planning a birth with an epidural, the evidence suggests that a doula can help make things go much more smoothly.

~Emily Oster

You work hard for your income, and that hard work is what fuels the economy.

~Emily Oster

Being pregnant was a lot like being a child again. There was always someone telling you what to do.

~Emily Oster

When I meet people on airplanes and they find out I'm an economist, they usually ask about stock tips.

~Emily Oster

One of the big take-aways from a lot of economic theory is that people should engage in consumption smoothing.

~Emily Oster

Adhering to budgeting rules shouldn't trump good decision-making.

~Emily Oster

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