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Does birth order have any effect on personality? The naysayers including psychologists Seff, Gecas, and Frey (1993) argued that "research on birth order effects has been remarkably inconsistent and inconclusive with regard to various personality and behavioral outcomes." MIT historian Sulloway (1996) disagreed. In his book, Born to Rebel, he offered proof of the relationship between birth order and personality.

Researching the lives of historical figures, Sulloway (1996) observed that later-borns tend to champion liberal or unconventional ideas while first-borns do not: "Later-borns were more likely than first-borns were to support each of the 61 liberal causes . . . surveyed, from the Protestant Reformation to the American civil-rights movement" (as cited in Cowley, 1996). Rule-breaking later-borns include Susan B. Anthony, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Charles Darwin. In contrast, first-borns defend the status quo (Sulloway, 1996, p. 79). Naturalist Louis Agassiz fits this mold. The most influential naturalist of his day, first born Agassiz staunchly
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opposed Darwin's radical notions about biological change:

When Darwin proposed a revolutionary solution--that all

nature's variety stems from a simple process that preserves

useful variations and discards harmful ones--the authorities

were appalled. "A scientific mistake" thundered Louis Agassiz,

--"untrue in its facts . . . and mischievous in its tendency"

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