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Dylan Matthews, Dara Lind, and Vox policy editor Libby Nelson discuss the findings of two recent studies on early childhood development. One study found that cash transfers increase brain activity in infants, while the other found a negative impact of universal pre-K on academic outcomes. So ... what's actually going on here? Does one negate the other? The Weeds team talks it out. Plus, a white paper on the effects of parenthood on voter turnout. References: Dylan's story on the cash-transfer study and his piece on the universal pre-K findings The impact of a poverty reduction intervention on infant brain activity. PNAS The New York Times's Jason DeParle's take on the cash-transfer study Scott Alexander summarizes the skeptical takes on the cash transfer study Noah Smith's review of the research on pre-K, and Kelsey Piper's Effects of a Statewide Pre-Kindergarten Program on Children's Achievement and Behavior Through Sixth Grade White Paper: Parents, Infants and Voter Turnout: Evidence from the United States Hosts: Dylan Matthews (@dylanmatt), senior correspondent, Vox Dara Lind (@dlind), immigration reporter, ProPublica Libby Nelson (@libbynelson), policy editor, Vox Credits: Sofi LaLonde, producer and engineer Libby Nelson, editorial adviser Amber Hall, deputy editorial director of talk podcasts Sign up for The Weeds newsletter each Friday: vox.com/weedsletter Want to support The Weeds? Please consider making a donation to Vox: bit.ly/givepodcasts Learn more about your ad choices. Visit podcastchoices.com/adchoices

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