

Personal safety distance (Re: Raceing Humanity...)

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> <markwh04@xxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:1131491877.102912.232480@xx
>> Comm wrote:

>>>> ... Issue #15 in the "Taking Sides" book: Is Ethnic Conflict
>>>> Inevitable?

>>> Yes, it is. When behavioral innate norms of one group greatly differ
>>> from
>>> those of another, conflict WILL arise. Assimilation happens when and
>>> if
>>> one
>>> group can BECOME like the other – assimilate – or if they are already
>>> very
>>> much like each other. Sometimes, it has to do with sexual
>>> selection/attraction. [...] No one can tell
>>> me that these two groups of people, if SHOVED into living together, are
>>> going to get along. They don't, for the most part.

>> Well... the males won't with the territoriality thing and the other
>> issue you raise (sexual territoriality), you've pretty much exemplified
>> the former with the stridency of advocacy and posturing ... which in
>> fact falls right into the lap of the "Planet of the Apes" parody [also
>> commentary on Kansas' idiocy]

> You lost me. Some groups of people just tend to grate on each other.
Some
> groups of people grate on each other AND one or both find each other group
> ugly. I mean, what I said was pretty simple based on 1/2 century of
SEEING
> it happen in front of my eyes. Observing it. I'm not talking about
sexual
> territoriality at all here. You mean "macho." :) The women don't get
> along with each other either – not at all. I'm a woman, btw. I don't
tend
> to get along with S. European women – nor they with me. And I mean – no

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> matter WHAT gets said – it just doesn't click. We grate on each other.

If

> one of their men tends to like me (that happens often enough) – well –

YUCH

> get the hell away from me. It's a spontaneous reaction, too.

Instinctive?

> Perhaps.

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> Ever notice when you talk to some folks you get closer and closer without

> realizing it and there is no feeling of breaching space? Or further and

> further away without realizing it with an almost instinctive feeling of

> breaching space? I think it's pheromones. Some folks get along. Others

> can not get along. Shoving them down each other's throats does not work.

> It does not work.

Maybe it's not only about pheromones, but a culture thing as well. There was a research about the average distance which two (unrelated) persons keep in a trifling conversation, depending on nationality. Though I can't come up with the stats (sorry, it was in a magazine years ago), I remember that the Southern Europeans (Spaniards, Italians, Greeks etc) didn't need the same "safety distance" as Northern Europeans like Swedes, Germans, Dutch etc) when talking to a fellow countryman.

So, if a Dutch is talking with an Italian, the Dutch will have the feeling that the Italian is getting too close, and will take a step backwards, while the Italian will feel the Dutch to be too far away, and take a step forward.

Next time you meet someone from a different nation, try it out, it's amazing! Of course, pheromones might be involved, too.

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