

Re: Frankfurt School (Re: What does an evolutionist actually believe?)

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>>> The interesting part of that business comes in mate selection, where
one
>>> tries to find someone enough like oneself (shared genes) but just
different
>>> enough (variety helps sustain and tends to protect against undesirable
>>> traits); thus we see, for bad example, the GIs who traveled to rather
>>> "exotic" foreign shores and married local women (like all the guys who
>>> brought home wives from Japan, Korea, Indonesia, and such).

>> I wouldn't call it a BAD example, I actually advocate mixed marriage (as
>> long as it is done in due fairness for both sides), because some foreign
>> genes supply variety to the gene pool, thus people might be healthier.
>> Many tribal people maintain complicated mating rules which make sure
that
>> inbreeding can't abound.

> Excuse me if I made it sound like a BAD example.

No problem. It could as well be a comprehension problem on MY side. Since English isn't my mother tongue, I sometimes miss the subtleties.

I was just making an
> example: we tend to mate-preference those who are very similar but with a
> bit of difference. It's good for the gene pool, which apparently has one
end
> that is very shallow.

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What does that mean, "one end that is very shallow"?

>> Yes, sublimating or transferring tensions has become crucial in our urban

>> surrounding where our hunter-gather instincts have to be strictly

>> controlled

>> to avoid conflicts. And it's often the "intellectually challenged"

people

>> who lose control and do inappropriate things. After all, to call someone

>> "primitive", "caveman" or "neanderthal man" is derogatory! :-)

> It is interesting, however, that some of the most crowded of people; e.g.,

> the Japanese, have managed to live without having serious person-to-person

> violence (aside from the occasional civil war) while less-crowded cultures;

> e.g., America, have on-going problems with p2p violence. The reason, here

> again, I think, is the underlying cultural sense that the society (the band,

> the group) is more important than the individual. Thus we can see how

> cultures can become counter-productive at a very basic level, even when the

> tendency and counter-productivity can easily be seen.

The Japanese are a "face" culture, for Japanese people it is very important to "save face", and the public display of aggression is one way to LOSE face. So maybe it is not only the group bondages which lead to the high degree of discipline in the Japanese society (as well as several other Asian societies).

Japanese have tight rules of etiquette and arrangements just to avoid embarrassing situations. Of course, that's just ONE aspect of the full package of reasons why Eastern and Western societies are quite different.

>>>> Your last line, "not a dramatic increase but it will sum up," just

>>>> sounds so positively Hegelian! Thanks for the smile!

>>>> This Hegelian trait must be in my German genes! :-))

>>> Good old Hegel. He's still dead, too.

>> Yes, but *I* am still alive. ;-))

> For which I am grateful.

Thanks, I take this for a compliment! :-)

> BTW, and apropos of nothing -- which day of the calendar is "Bitt und Bett
> Tag"?

LOL. You mean "Buß- und Betttag" (literally: day of penance and prayer). It's a Protestant holiday in November (no fixed day), and it used to be a national holiday until the 90ies, but now it's no longer work free (except

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in Saxony). Like most holidays in November, it is a "quiet" holiday, when people are expected to observe meditation and spiritual purification.

This year it was November 16th.

P.S: "Bitt und Bett Tag" would literally mean "day of petition and bed" :-))

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