

Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?

> That would
>> mean that those humans also selected in favor of such traits as
>intelligence
>> and foresight. I mean, the stuff just doesn't happen in a vacuum – no
>> matter how many excuses "environmentalists" make for why SOME folks just
>> never "got it." James Michael Howard has pretty strong proof as to why
>ANY
>> humans ever left Africa in the first place – I agree with what he's
>> basically saying. That those that left were people that had lower levels
>of
>> testosterone – and hence were less aggressive. They left probably because
>> they were bullied, picked on and HAD to get out. It's why every one else
>> leaves such areas, by the way. they call it "white flight" but no – it's
>not
>> just white flight.
>
>I agree that humans were selected in favor of intelligence, that's evident.
>Yet I'm sceptical about the reasons you suggest why people move to other
>places. Even if the testosterone and aggressivity levels might have
>triggered some migration movements, there were probably other reasons as
>well, like a deterioration of the climate, water and food supply, moving
>with the prey etc.
>
>>> For the same reason why individuals make different decisions depending
>on
>>> their personal biography. After all, it was not "China" or "Europe" who
>>> chose anything, it was some LEADERS of the Chinese and European people –
>>> individuals! Whether a decision turns out to be right or wrong can only
>be
>>> understood in the hindsight.
>
>> No, I don't see that "one leader" does this or that. Governments tend to
>> work bottom up, not top down. What the people wanted, for the most part –
>> is what they got.
>
>You got a point here.
>
>Even modern China was very reluctant to modernize – like
>> using machine to do what a village of people can do. Their ideas about
>it,
>> imo, were very good. Machines put the village out of work. Things are
>more
>> in balance the other way. But Chinese people have a strong foresight and
>> are very intelligent – they have FOUND a way to modernize AND no one is
>> starving there, everyone is pretty well off and useful with a job.
>
>Yes, maybe the Chinese will prevail in the long run. They tend to reach high
>effectivity with what they are doing.
>
>>> I agree that humans and environment undergo a "co-adaption". But that
>>> doesn't contradict Diamond's thesis generally, he just puts some more

Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?

>> > stress
>> > on the environment. Maybe he is a tad too rigid to deny the possibility
>of
>> > "collective traits" of ethnic groups.
>
>> Diamond is one of those guys that refuses to believe that races exist at
>> all. He'd never admit the FACT that they also have some innate behaviors,
>> for the most part, in general. Yet now it turns out that basically, what
>> you see with your eyes pretty much matches up with genetics.
>
>Diamond just claims that the differences among races are NOT the relevant
>factor for the differences of economic standards like we have them today.
>Personally, I think there *ARE* innate racial behaviors, but the differences
>are not strong enough that we couldn't level them by education, environment
>etc.
>
>> >> China closed up like a clam – AGAIN. Weird. Twice that happened
>after
>> >> dealing with the same people. Weird.
>
>> > Don't know whether the contacts with Africans were crucial for the
>Chinese
>> > decisions to follow the path of isolation, I guess the reasons were more
>> > complex than that. But I think Asians and Africans simply are as
>different
>> > as cats and dogs – they just can't get along with each other very well
>> > (though there might be exceptions). Consequently it is just wise to
>avoid
>> > each other.
>
>> Agree. They generally do – unless someone else tries to shove them
>> together.
>
>I agree with you that people shouldn't be forcefully shoved together *IF*
>there is room enough for them to live separately. But if they live together
>in one place, there shouldn't be any apartheid.
>
Kia Ora
Just sittin' on the sideline here. Fascinated!
Now I'm prompted to do some study for myself. Thanks everyone for their input.
Haere Mai
Mac

• *Follow-Ups:*

◆ **Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?**

◇ *From: Sylvia Knörr*

Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?

• **References:**

- ◆ **[Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?](#)**
 ◇ From: Sylvia Knörr
- ◆ **[Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?](#)**
 ◇ From: Comm
- ◆ **[Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?](#)**
 ◇ From: Sylvia Knörr

- Prev by Date: **[Re: Frankfurt School \(Re: What does an evolutionist actually believe?\)](#)**
- Next by Date: **[Re: Personal safety distance \(Re: Raceing Humanity...\)](#)**
- Previous by thread: **[Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?](#)**
- Next by thread: **[Re: Reasons for apparent Technological Superiority of West over East?](#)**
- Index(es):
 - ◆ **[Date](#)**
 - ◆ **[Thread](#)**