

Re: Maladaptive breeding (Re: 'Face' cultures)

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Anyway, I'm not so sure whether EVERY kind of stress will do the trick.

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guess there are other factors adding to it, like lifestyle. Measured by lifestyle standards (consumption of resources per capita), Europe is a densely populated continent. Maybe people have some kind of instinct for

the

number of persons their environment can bear when they maintain a

certain

lifestyle. Our hunter-gatherer ancestors might have achieved a "feeling"

of

how many more group members their hunting grounds can support, and when their resources dwindled, they moved on or stopped breeding for a while. Some recent people of harsh environments (like the African Kalahari

dwellers

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!Kung or San) indeed have a system of sexual taboos which include strict sexual abstinence for several years for couples in a child-rearing

phase –

thus they can guarantee that the interval of births is long enough that

the

first child is sufficiently autonomous until the next baby is born. This keeps the overall numbers quite stable.

Although Europeans maintain a quite different lifestyle, we might have

as

well reached a limit of how many people our environment can support. Hence, a dramatic drop of the level of lifestyle MIGHT lead to an

increase

of births.

You are correct. Not every or any particular kind of stressor will do the trick. That's why I was wondering which one it would take for folks in

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to turn things around. Sometimes I think that European nations have become almost as dysfunctional as the good, old US of A.

Is it any wonder? Ever since WW2, the USA is our role model!

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