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Since a very large proportion of human pregnancies are unplanned, I would expect that the most predominant traits which are currently being selected for in future generations are those connected with an inability (perhaps economic) or unwillingness to use contraception correctly.

According to this theory, the human species is probably rapidly becoming more and more risk-tolerant and impulsive since such traits would lead to a propensity to unsafe sex. Hence gambling could continue to grow very rapidly, and (if future generations continue to drive), roads may become more and more dangerous.

Human evolution may have reached an interesting path because the traits most conducive to reproductive success are traits that are not generally considered desirable. However, such traits (risk-taking, impulsiveness) may come to be seen as desirable, inasmuch as desired personality traits are also determined by evolution.

Has there been much professional speculation or research as to how the recent advent of contraception is likely to affect human evolution?

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