

# Re: Evolutionist withholds evidence on Haldane's Dilemma

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DK wrote:

Strictly speaking, my journals are not mine, they are university's property.

That's correct! And the creation of those journals was supported at tax-payer expense. And the issue at hand — namely evolution — has a government-granted monopoly on public schools. Under the circumstances, Prof. Nunney would have to release his materials even if Charlie Manson asked for it.

The issue never was me, my purposes, or my credentials. The issue is that Prof. Nunney is obligated to release his evidence. Period.

And it's just more gravy that a release also makes good scientific practice.

For example:

Vend wrote:

I definitely agree. Writing programs from first assumptions requires time and is usually difficult to get the same results, especially if numerical and stochastic computations are involved. In fact, even excluding bugs, there are many things that can cause problems that alter the results: numerical algorithms have an accuracy that is typically dependent on the actual data (the paper might say "invert matrix A", but there are many algorithms to do and one that has good accuracy on one class of matrices may give bad results on another class of matrices). Stochastic algorithms are always a source of bias: poor pseudo-

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random number generators (there are many still around), incorrect pseudo-random number generator initialization, bias in sampling algorithms, etc.

I think that everyone publishing some result obtained using a custom computer program should also publish the source code.

Tim Tyler wrote:

[Recreating the software] is a big waste of everyone's time. Then you need a third review paper to decide which researcher is right. It is far better for everyone concerned if researchers simply publish their source code in the first place – preferably with as liberal license as possible. Then if there's a problem, observers can simply say: look, a bug on line 96. Publishing existing programs on the net is usually inexpensive, so there is not really any good excuse for not doing it.

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Tim Tyler wrote:

Forcing others to recreate your program hinders fellow researchers and the prospective audience alike.

That's correct!

[However Note: I suspect that "hindering" anti-evolutionists may have been precisely what Prof. Nunney had in mind. I'm sure he is a fine person in other respects, though he has shown contempt for anti-evolutionists.

And I suspect he already senses, deep down inside, that his simulation does not solve Haldane's Dilemma. In other words, he has two likely motives to hide his software.]

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DK wrote:

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I hope Walter does not claim that  
Nunney flat out fabricated his results...

I doubt Prof. Nunney fabricated his results out of whole cloth.  
(Though his lack of open-ness is not an encouraging sign.)

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Bob wrote:

Nunney is withholding key evidence.

That would only be true if you were  
claiming that the results he presented  
in the paper were wrong, as a result  
of an error in his programme. Are  
you claiming that?

Nunney likely made his program as free of software 'bugs' as humanly  
possible. I have more important reasons to inspect his software.

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Lorentz wrote:

I apologize for my expressions of prejudice.

and ...

You seem to be looking for dirt, even aside  
from the science involved.

Isn't that just another naked expression of prejudice?

Lorentz wrote:

You were never open about what you thought  
was in it [Nunney's simulation program].

I openly said what is NOT in Nunney's simulation -- a solution to  
Haldane's Dilemma. I need the simulation software, in order to  
document, in exquisite detail, that a solution is NOT there.

-- Walter ReMine

<http://tinyurl.com/3dtzjq>

<http://SaintPaulScience.com/Haldane.htm>

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