

# Re: James Watson and the Monkey Test

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ragland31@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Dec 20, 11:08 am, d...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (DK) wrote:

raglan...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

On Dec 16, 9:53 pm, d...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx (DK) wrote:

raglan...@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Richard Flynn of Ireland?  
That Flynn? He is and has  
always been part  
of  
the well funded (pioneer  
funded to some extent) club  
of "social  
scientists"  
who believes Blacks are  
genetically inferior to  
Whites.

You are confusing Richard Lynn of Ireland  
with  
James Flynn of new Zealand...

My child is unable to hydrolyse galactose. Is  
she, in your  
veiw, "genetically inferior" to the lacZ+  
bacteria I made  
in the lab yesterday?

Re: James Watson and the Monkey Test

No.

OK, next question:

No one in my large family is above 174 cm in height. Even the latest generation that had all the benefits of better nutrition and all that. Thus, it's almost certainly genetic.

In your view, am I genetically inferior to tall people?

No

Don't be so sure. If it turns out that tall people get to screw around more and/or live longer and care better for their offspring, then why not – short people really would be genetically disadvantaged. (Note, BTW, that there does seem to be some selection toward taller people in the past few thousand years).

As a member of the group "short people", am I bothered by this possibility? – Nope. No more than I am bothered by not being born into some multi-billionaire family. (Which might have been nice but it didn't happen).

and I don't like you beating around the bush; spit out what it is you think I'm susceptible of. That way there will be clear communication. Do you somehow think that I employ such archaic terms as "racist" that I myself am a racist or split people into genetically superior and genetically inferior?

No, I just meant to show you – logically, step by step – that shaping a discussion of evolution and diversity in terms of inferior/superior is a silly and unproductive thing to do. Such an approach reeks of political agenda rather than scientific one.

DK

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