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dkomo <dkomo871@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Natural selection can act on human culture too

"Washington, Feb 19 (ANI): Natural selection can act on human culture as well as on genes, says a new study which shows that cultural traits affecting survival and reproduction evolve at a different rate than other cultural attributes."

http://www.thecheers.org/news/Science/news_12280_Natural-selection-can-act-on-human-culture-too.html

Kind of a strange web site. You may see some sexually titillating GIFs in a sidebar. There should be better source on the above study, but I don't have time to search this morning.

<http://www.pnas.org/cgi/content/abstract/0711802105v1>

Commentary here

<<http://archaeology.about.com/b/2008/02/18/cultural-evolution-and-polyneesian-canoes.htm>>

and here

<http://scienceblogs.com/evolvingthoughts/2008/02/the_cultural_canoe.php>

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University of Queensland – Blog: scienceblogs.com/evolvingthoughts
"He used... sarcasm. He knew all the tricks, dramatic irony, metaphor, bathos, puns, parody, litotes and... satire. He was vicious."

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