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On Thu, 30 Nov 2006 20:20:53 -0800, Don Bowey <dbowey@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 11/30/06 7:17 PM, in article l87vm2lb7e9pv312n3otv5tglr8t1dl9dr@xxxxxxx, "Jonathan Kirwan" <jkirwan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Thu, 30 Nov 2006 17:44:33 -0800, Don Bowey <dbowey@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On 11/30/06 4:17 PM, in article 1164932220.109614.240130@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, "Le Chaud Lapin" <jaibuduvin@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

John Larkin wrote:

It seems to me that there is enormous individual variability in humans. All salmon and all pigeons look similar to me, and I suspect they are a lot more similar than people are. So all the hormone stuff has influence but isn't absolute. Generalisms about male/female/straight/gay/races are sort of true, but the distributions are so wide that you can't predict much from superficialities. But

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people do use the
generalisms as guidelines...
you *could* say it's
less likely that the average
female is going to be a good
circuit
designer, but that's not a
reason to not interview one,
or to take her
seriously.

True. I certainly would never turn down a
candidate from prejudice.

However, not to beat a dead horse to death, I
got bored an hour ago and
thought I would search the Internet for
famous people (actors,
actresses, politicians), whom I felt might
have hormonal imbalances
based on physical observation alone. I went
for females first, as they
are easier for me to spot. I look for women
whom men might consider
unequivocally attractive, but with a straight
jawline and a frontal
plate slightly larger than might had by an
average woman of her
stature. [BTW, The female I was referring to
in an earlier post as
having a hormonal imbalance was Angelina
Jolie.] Angelina Jolie is one
such woman. It turns out that she does not
simply have a hormonal
imbalance, she's openly bisexual! I had no
idea.

<http://www.afterellen.com/People/jolie3.html>

I had suspected that she
had had a few sexual experiences with
women (what young girl hasn't
these days), but I did not know she had dated
one for a while.

There are also some incredibly famous
males who I am pretty sure have
had at least one encounter with another male
and might be gay. I hate
to make a false claim about anyone (as I
might have about Angelina
Jolie if I had been wrong), but I will say this:

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Two of these males are extremely popular comedians. One of them has been wearing lip gloss for over 20 years. I cannot believe that people cannot tell from looking at his face that his hormones are not quite right. I also remember telling people back in 1984 that George Michael was gay, and he was defended by both males and females. I knew for two reasons:

1. No one prances around on a stage in tight shiny purple pants like that unless he is.
2. There was a preponderance of gay males in front-row seats at his concerts, just a bit too many for it to be random.

More dangerously, there is a recent movie where the female star is 13 years old. I would bet \$100 that the director, who is female and 51 years old, is at least bisexual (even though she has been married), and I am 100% sure that the star, the young girl herself, is lesbian. I would not be surprised at all if they had some kind of affair. The movie, which I have not seen, contains a lesbian scene, and the director has appeared at multiple "support gay/lesbian rights" conventions as their spokesperson. And having dated a woman who turned out to be bisexual myself once, I can tell you that young bisexual women have no trouble breaking through social norms to get what they want. The things that go on between young lesbian girls and older lesbian women is *ENTIRELY CONGRUENT* to what goes on between, say older males and young women. If you have any notion that lesbian girls behave properly because they are girls and they are supposed to exercise restraint, forget it! I know this. I saw it with my own

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eyes. Few males could keep up with these women. Their debaucherous acts put them in a class of their own.

More close to home, that same woman I dated told me that young lesbian and bi-sexual women often congregate in jobs where there is high public (pubic) traffic, like health spas, certain types of restaurants, etc. She said they do this because they have insatiable libidos and it's the best way to meet people. I checked this assertion: There are 8 apartment communities on the main road not far from where I live. Five of them have lesbian or bisexual staff! I doubt anyone not in San Francisco, Ibiza, or Mikinos would consider that ordinary. The community closest to me has two lesbians (at least) and one gay male. In retrospect, one morning was jogging on the trail behind my house and I ran into one of them. She was with a woman, both of them with dark hair, same build just taking a walk, standing close together (she's about 32) – they could have been sisters. But they were pushing a baby stroller. Her jaw line is strong (but she is still attractive), and she is uncommonly aggressive from the few times that I have talked to her, and I remember thinking, "I'd say 20%–30% she's a lesbian."

I find this topic so utterly fascinating that I decided to pick a woman who is highly regarded in history and see if she was lesbian. I randomly picked Amelia Earhart, as I am a fan of aviation. I give my gentleman's word that I did *not* know she was, but the circumstantial evidence that she was seems to be overwhelming. *BUT*...while I was looking for her, I came across this site: "True stories of Amazing Women"

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<http://www.omplace.com/omsites/SusanP/>

There are at least 6 women on this site who are lesbian. Try to see if you can guess which ones are and which ones are not. You should be able to tell by looking at just their faces. Don't cheat! It should be self-evident. Some are easier than others.

This does not prove anything, but I think people should start examining more closely how hormones influences a persons life choices, _including_ career choices because character traits are not completely orthogonal. And though I would *never* prejudge someone or deny her an opportunity simply because she exhibits traits traditionally found in males, I do keep my eyes open, and if a situation appears to be too good to be true, I am always curious to see the endocrinologists results. One could argue that it is the heightened testosterone levels that give these lesbian women the courage to face up to oppressive men, but I do not buy that. I do not think you can separate one from being the other. These are not simply females "with turbo boost", they are human beings, who have the sexual organs of women, but who are psychologically different from women.

I also think, that if it is true, that a majority of lesbians, and bi-sexuals, and gays are that way because of hormonal imbalances, it raises an interesting question:

What happens when doctors find a "cure?"

–Le Chaud Lapin–

I haven't read previous posts, so I don't know what all has been said,
but.....

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I believe your theory that gay people can be "cured" is faulty,
and
divisively mean spirited even if it is offered to be otherwise.

For whatever reason most of those folks were just born
different from the
rest, and it isn't curable. They are simply the way they are,
and it
shouldn't be any particular concern to anyone any more than
anyone should be
concerned with which way you are inclined. It doesn't define
who you are or
what are your abilities.

New articles I just read today:

<http://www.physorg.com/news83165274.html>, or

<http://www.physorg.com/pdf83165274.pdf>

"The findings provide a welcome guidepost to help enable future research to track down the underlying neural circuitry, said Bruce Baker, a biology professor at Stanford who first linked the fruitless gene to male-specific courtship behavior. "That's a pretty big thing," Baker said. "We can think about understanding in molecular detail how we go from the initial genes and the proteins they encode to the nervous system that causes our body to respond in certain ways." More generally, he said, such studies form a potential bridge between systems neuroscience studies of behavior and modern molecular neuroscience research into individual neurons and synapses."

Jon

Science has no option than to study that which is not understood, or not fully understood.

Studying for understanding, as was done in the Stanford research, should be done without regard to always looking for a cure.

Actually, I was referring the article because I thought it was interesting to see a sexual behavior gene that could be moved around so that males behaved like females while still being males, and the reverse of this, too.

I agree with what you just wrote, but that wasn't what I was trying to point out. You wrote, "For whatever reason most of those folks were just born different from the rest, and it isn't curable." I added this by way of supporting that comment.

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