

## Re: HadCRUT and other datasets

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On Wed, 11 Jun 2008 01:13:29 -0700 (PDT), Richard Henry <pomerado@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Interestingly, I later took the original SAT test in about 1969 and scored about 1250. That converts to the same IQ of about 131.  
<<http://www.iqcomparisonsite.com/Pre1974SAT.aspx>>

Gee. My 1965 1410 is off the scale.

Impressive. As I recall, I was recovering from a cold or flu when I took the test. The antihistamines probably cost me a few points.

I've considered putting my IQ, diplomas, and grade point averages on my business card, but there's no room due to all the email addresses, phone numbers, and web sites. I plan to add a bar code strip (code 39) on the back for easy address book entry. Too bad Outlook doesn't have a field for IQ.

I'm glad I didn't know this when I was younger. I might have become an egotistical blowhard.

You mean like me? Thanks. I cultivate my arrogance and inflated ego. It comes from a few years, in the late 1970's, of trying to motivate a small engineering group. I tried everything in the book, but nothing would get the engineers to do anything beyond plodding through a project. So, I threw away the book and experimented. I'll leave out the failures and details, but I eventually settled on motivation through pride. If the person working a project doesn't have any pride in what they're doing, their work is usually marginal or inferior. If they feel that they own the project, they'll perform all manner of heroics to see that their efforts are successful and recognized.

Along with pride comes arrogance. They're inseparable. While it's

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theoretically possible to be proud about some design without also being arrogant, defensive, and often obnoxious, I haven't seen it. I successfully morphed a group of boring engineers, into a dynamic (loud), proud (arrogant), and efficient (I didn't have to ask for overtime), engineering group. If you think my arrogance is bad, try a meeting room full of the same. There were some downsides to all this, but I won't mention those. Suffice to say that egotistical, arrogant, and territorial blowhards, tend to make damn good engineers.

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