

INTJ (MBTI Personality Type)

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Is INTJ a genetic or learned trait?

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Robert Evans, Studied personality typologies for a decade between 1998 and 2008.

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I agree completely with [Frank Wouters](#)’ first sentence. Past that point it’s a bit more complex.

Personality traits are inherited to some extent. The Big 5 personality traits have some correspondence to the Jungian/MBTI/Socionics personality categories, and they inherit to about 40–60%^{[1][2]} depending.

But a lot of genetic variation occurs in the brain that doesn’t occur elsewhere^[3]. While there may be an environmental or genetic component to this variation, it seems to me on its face to be a third classification of variation. This is a new area of research in which I don’t believe there are ...(more)

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Frank Wouters, Observes people's behavior

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It is a pseudoscientifically invented personality category, that’s all. Personality is both inherited and acquired from the environment, but I would argue that the environment is the more important factor. Most personality traits are environmentally decided in a child’s first years of life.

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