

The Impact of Genetic Diversity on Religiosity

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How does genetic diversity impact religiosity?

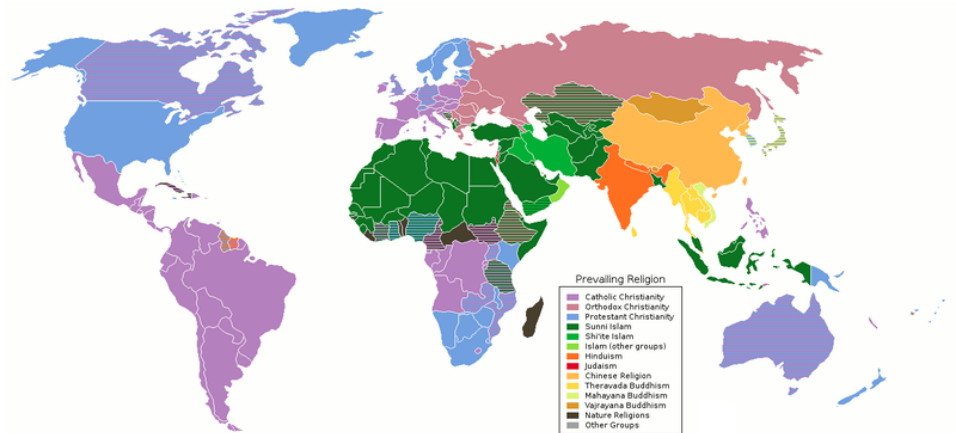
- Links genetic heterogeneity to non-materialist factors (belief systems, religious practices)
- Explores how the effect of genetic diversity on institutions interacts with the role of religion in society
- Supports theory of church and states as substitutes

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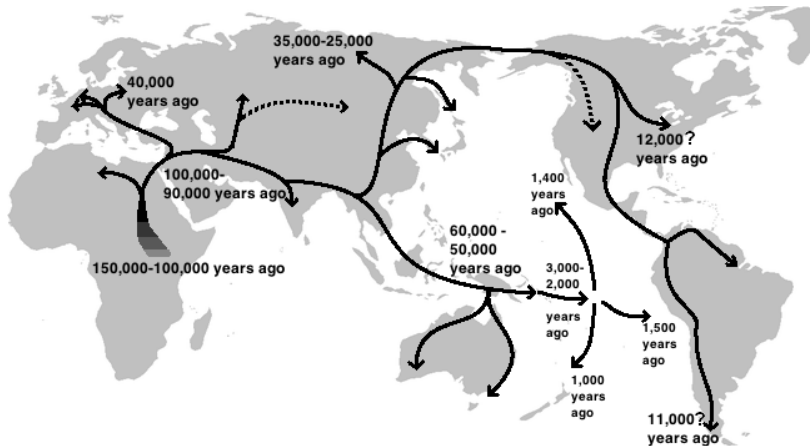
- Paper posits two very different theories
 - 1) **Historical** need for religion to boost cooperation and common identity in fractionalized states
 - 2) **Contemporaneous** substitution of church for state (due to state failure)
- Can we really make this temporal distinction?
- If yes, how can we distinguish between these two?
 - Analysis of 2nd generation migrants might yield insights here
 - If (2), then religiousness-diversity relationship should vanish for such migrants born and living in non-failing states

- What is the role of different religions?
 - e.g. the Protestant and Catholic church approach state affairs very differently
 - e.g. today, most countries with state religions are Islamic
- How does this affect the exclusion restriction?
 - See next slide
- In the most extreme case, could the significant positive relationship between genetic diversity and religiousness be driven by islamic countries / individuals? (and nothing else) What happens when you
 - Control for share believers 5 major religions (Fox, 2011); or use dummies
 - Discard countries with Islam as most prevalent religion

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