THE MOST IMPORTANT FACT WHOSE MISUNDERSTANDING IS SOURCE OF ALL CONTROVERSIES IN HERITABILITY

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The most important issue whose misunderstanding or misinterpretation leads to gigantic controversies regarding heritability, regarding political stripes, regarding human nature, and huge numbers of social issues is the following.

You see 99.9% of all the individual letter of the human genome is *exactly identical for all human beings.* This is such an enormously strong fact that it cannot be ever repeated enough so that our perspective improves.

The moment you are talking about nature versus nurture, the moment you even mention heritability or 'genetic' influence, if you do not understand that 99.9% of all the letter of the genome of all people are *exactly the same* you will produce misguided inference. This will produce disastrous controversy with your colleagues. It will rip up friendships on political stripes, and cause other problems.

Why? Because your nose could be too close to the ground and your perspective might be narrow. Suppose that such and such a trait is produced from a section of the genome that never changes at all. Then you measure it for father and son for 20 generation and find that it's genetic.

Guess what? It's the same goddam thing for *everyone else at all.* And then you go to your local right wing racial supremacist camp or whatever and you say ah "such and such a feature of people is totally genetic. We're hot. We're superior. We are superior genetic peoples. We ought to take over the world and rule all the lesser peoples who don't have our ancestral genes."

What went wrong? You did not check if *everyone else had exactly identical features because non-varying genetic part of genome was being measured*!

Then you will meet some left wing anti-racists and then you will duke it out and have all sorts of bloody noses and broken teeth. And was this all worth it?

Well that's what happens when you don't have perspective.

1. Errors of the Left

The greatest error of the left is to call all sorts of things 'socially constructed'. The error here is to diminish things *as though arbitrary rearrangements and alternative constructions* will have equal merit. This is a disastrous error. Things are not arbitrarily socially constructed. Civilisation was not invented one day under the banyan tree by left wing political theorists who just arbitrarily socially constructed all of civilisation. Most things that are called socially constructed, especially in Old World Civilisations developed over centuries and so they are adaptive. Arbitrary perturbations of these will lead to all manner of disasters.

Just as right wing racial types will over-estimate genetic influences in the wrong way, the left wingers tend to disrespect the evolutionary and historical character

of many arrangements. You have all these punk kids talking about "I don't like the institution of marriage". That's a total catastrophe for the progeny and the Civilisation when people fuck around irresponsibly and don't take care of kids and have no notion of responsibility because they think they know better from their sophomoric speculations high on weed.

2. Reasonable Balance

Genes produce not just constraints but all our capabilities; there are no freedom to do strange new things that the genes do not allow. Reasonable societies are those that find the comfortable balance for our genetic uniformity so everyone can create a good life for themselves; then there are uniqueness and compared to the vast uniformity they are in a sense quite small. But our human experience is attuned to ignoring our vast uniformity. We have to take it for granted. They matter when idiots want to artificially do vast social engineering because then they will ensure disaster. Otherwise we are attuned to exaggerating tiny fluctuations from our vast and strong uniformity. That is what our lives are going to be about, to have fine tuned senses of difference of people because we can't detect the vast uniformity that's encoded in the genes.