

ETHNICITY EFFECTS OF SOURCE OF SUCCESS HARD WORK OR LUCK?

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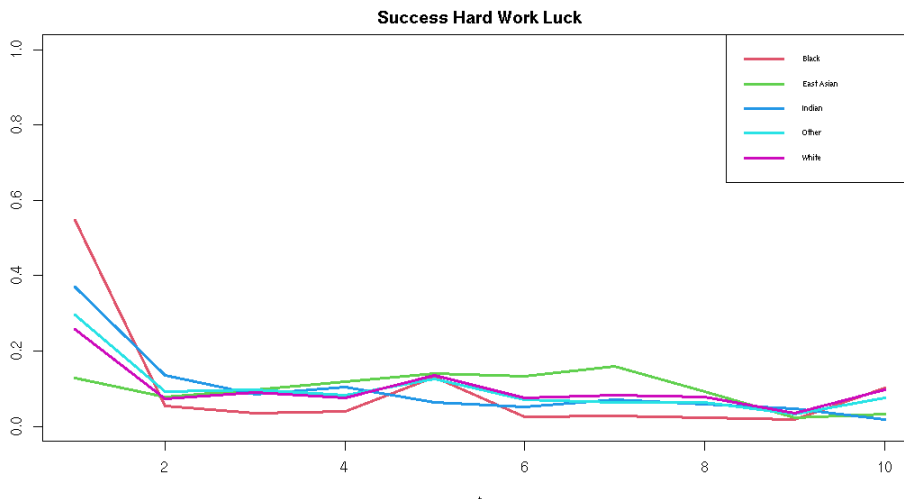
Let me start with my own views about success. I went to Princeton and had mild successes in US Industry thus far and major successes in Science (although not yet acknowledged in public). I was a Princeton graduate and managed to go to Princeton because my teacher Lys Waltien knew someone at EPA who could ask Bill Bradley for a letter to Bangladeshi Consulate in 1991 so that I could get an F-1 to begin Princeton. So there is connection involved in a way. I am asking Andrew Morton and Robert Merton and Ronald Layard-Liesching to say some good things about me to you at MIT Sloan and Harvard Business School.

Now I work on great problems and I do that by my own efforts. My success in Four-Sphere Theory came despite living on disability in Allen Texas without money coming in. So I am quite aware of the Hard Work component of success too.

I think it is a matter of Virtuous Character, as in the end both hard work and trust of talented and accomplished people require this. At a more superficial level there are those who will judge you by other criteria such as net worth. Their attention is best avoided for a good life. They ought to be busy paying attention to other people.

1. WHAT ABOUT THE GLOBAL CONSENSUS?

Let me show you the opinion distribution in 1-10 scale color coded by ethnicity.



Roughly you see ambiguity that is spread across the values with a slightly higher peak on hard work than on luck. I won't attempt to read more into this; it is worth

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knowing what the vast masses think. I do not think personally that it is worth taking connections too seriously. They are necessary for we are a social species, but significant accomplishments do take some effort that arises from within. It's not *hard work* per se but a coherence of convictions and motivation to take oneself seriously enough ignoring all the noise of the external world.

Of course I would like to have your respect; but I don't control that. I do control what I do everyday – despite disability and abuse of people for not having money – to look myself in the mirror and see a great man than a failure.