

There's a lot of good research on *racial* differences in intelligence (e.g., the difference in the average intelligence of white vs. black Americans). I wonder, though, whether there's any good research on *skin-color* differences in intelligence.

Race is often euphemistically and misleadingly called "skin color," but of course skin-color-proper is different. For example, despite not sharing the same race some Northwest Europeans share the same (light) skin-color with some Northeast Asians. Related: From north to south in Europe, the average skin color darkens. The same is true of Asia. *Thus my hypothesis: (Untanned) skin color correlates with intelligence, time preference, etc.* Why? Because whether European, Asian, or any other race, lighter-skinned groups spent more of their evolutionary history in the cold, which selected for higher intelligence, lower time-preference, etc.

White identity is light-skinned European identity, and that identity as a social construct makes sense because any European group (or any other racial group) that uses light skin as one of its endogamy-eligibility factors is of course going to do well.

White-American identity is traditionally such that if and only if *both* your father and your mother are white, then you're white. And black-American identity is traditionally such that if *either* your father or your mother is black, then you're black. That is: White + white = white, white + black = black, etc. Any children of a white and a black are black, and any children of *those* children are *also* black—that's no matter who those children have their children with, whether white or black. That keeps the white in-group light-skinned even if in every generation a minority of whites intermarry with blacks, which out-groups their children.

That's called the "one-drop rule." The etymology of that term is that metaphorically speaking, even "one drop" of black blood is enough to make you black. A lone black parent, grandparent, or even great grandparent is enough to make you white-endogamy-ineligible. Any darkening out-groups you.

That controls the biological evolution of the white in-group, for that rule controls group-level sexual selection.