

Review of: "Facing the Facts About Test Score Gaps"

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I appreciate that the author decided to challenge the traditional and well-established thought of influence of 'environment only' on the cognition of an individual. But I strongly support that its not a 'complete lie', cognitive abilities depend on many factors, like personal traits, training, motivation and environment is just one of it.

It is true that cognition to some extent depends on genetics but surely not on race. Otherwise, all winners of Noble Prize should have been from same race and also the trend should have been passed among the same family line.

We can not say some race is more intelligent than the other, it depends on cultural and social context. One cannot decide who is intelligent who is not from a single frame of reference. Even the indigenous people show highly intelligent way of living with nature with complete harmony and highest form sustainability that we so called highly educated and intelligent (from our reference point) people lacks.

Coming to the point of considering environment only theory as more preferred by our society is not due to some political appeasement but due to lack of conclusive scientific studies in this filed. It is not the brain size that affect our cognition but the neural paths and connections that's the person develops during the process of cognition.

Now, coming to the technical aspects of this paper I think for challenging a well-established school of thought the author need to present more empirical evidences specially from the field of genetics, evolutionary studies of human, neurological studies on different human race. As my experience on social-cultural aspects of human psychology says that one cannot deny the environment completely because human intelligence is how well we live according to our environment.

I hope my critical feedback will help the author to develop this paper further.

Regards.