

# Review of: "The Intelligence of Nations. National IQs. Update 2023."

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The article "The Intelligence of Nations. National IQs. Update 2023" by Ronald Henss presents a comprehensive overview of national IQ scores and their importance in determining the social, cultural, and economic development of nations. The study relies on two main branches of research: psychometric intelligence research and international student assessment studies, such as PISA and TIMSS. The author successfully shows that both approaches yield nearly identical results and provides an up-to-date table of national IQ scores.

## Critique:

The article is well-organized and presents a clear argument for the significance of intelligence at both individual and national levels. However, the author could have better addressed potential biases and limitations in the data collection and methodology. For instance, while Henss acknowledges the potential for unrepresentative samples in the cases of Cuba and Pakistan, a more in-depth discussion of the potential limitations of the data sets would have been beneficial.

Furthermore, the article could benefit from a more nuanced discussion of the role of other factors, such as environmental, social, and cultural influences, on the development of intelligence. The author's claim that intelligence is the most important human variable could be perceived as reductionist, overlooking the complex interplay of factors that contribute to individual and national development.

## Suggestions:

Address potential biases and limitations in the data collection and methodology more thoroughly, which would strengthen the credibility of the results and conclusions.

Explore the role of other factors, such as environmental, social, and cultural influences, on the development of intelligence, to provide a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the topic.

Consider including more recent studies and findings to ensure the relevance and currency of the research.