

Review of: "Testosterone and the “Honor Culture” of Young Black Men"

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1. It's a very interesting article and should be published
2. Change the word 'inordinately' to a less extreme word in each case.
3. Use a word other than 'confederate.' It's confusing when discussing America.
4. There is a common misconception that cortisol is the opposite of and suppresses testosterone. The belief is that cortisol is caused by stress and it reduces testosterone. Please discuss this and counter it.
5. There should be more references when discussing 'losing face' and perhaps some examples.
6. heretofore should be theretofore
7. The bit about the computer game is confusing. Is he saying when the aim of the game is to punish another player, men administered T are more likely to do this? Please rewrite it more clearly.
8. He should discuss the study Dutton, E., Nyborg, H. & Kirkegaard, E. (2022). Europeans Have Larger Testes than Sub-Saharan Africans but Lower Testosterone Levels. *Mankind Quarterly*, 62: 484-497. This shows, as well, that blacks have higher T than whites.
9. There should be more references for the significance of gang violence, and some examples.
10. 'In adulthood, female T declines with age, the three ethnic groups showing similar trends with the exceptions that black women in their twenties and seventies have significantly higher T than white or Hispanic women of those ages. This difference is unexpected and has no obvious explanation.'

This is very interesting. Could it be that black females are more likely to be abandoned with the baby, meaning they must take on manly roles, meaning higher T in the 20s is, or was, adaptive? This would be consistent with the evidence that sexual dimorphism is lower among blacks than whites. See, Dutton, E. (2020). *Making Sense of Race*. Washington Summit Publishers.