

Race Differences in Ethnocentrism

Stating the obvious, Dutton will be richly vilified by right-thinking people. Rather, left-thinking

Edward Dutton is a phenomenon. I attempt to review most of his books as they come out, and it is almost a full-time job.

His interests cover a wide spectrum, but they all seem to radiate out of evolutionary biology. His key insights are:

- Human populations have evolved to be profoundly different
- Race is a real and useful marker, a product of evolution
- Evolution is ongoing and rapid
- Evolution brought European peoples to the apogee of their intelligence about the time of the Industrial Revolution, and they have been in decline ever since.
- Two causes of the decline are obvious – smart people are not having children, and Europeans are being replaced by less capable immigrants.
- A less obvious cause is the accumulation of deleterious, "spiteful" mutations in the populations, rendering them less fit to reproduce and less intelligent. The unfit no longer die in childhood; society no longer keeps the unfit from reproducing.
- Racial and ethnic groups have different group interests. Ethnocentrism is the topic of this book, though it weaves arguments involving all the above.

Dutton does constant battle against the dominant dogmas of our age, chief among them multiculturalism and political correctness. Multiculturalism specifically denies the group interests of native Europeans. Political correctness has made it difficult to discuss these facts.

Dutton's conclusion is obvious, almost anti-climatic. White Europeans are the least ethnocentric major population on earth. Their denial of their own self-interest amounts to suicide. And yet, through the agency of political correctness, they are constantly vilified as being racist. This is so much the opposite of the truth that it's champions cannot let up on their propaganda. The big lie of white racism must be perpetuated at all costs.

Dutton calls on scientific research from every quarter to support his arguments. However, by their very nature his arguments are difficult to support conclusively, even through the application of statistics. Instead, he relies on corroborative evidence from many different fields pointing to what must be true.

This methodology, necessary as it is, lends itself to the criticism that he has not convincingly proven his arguments. He is arguing merely from preponderance of evidence. Opponents will thus attempt to belittle his work, claiming that he hasn't proven anything, and suggesting that he simply be ignored.

This is wrong, obviously wrong. The preponderance of evidence is quite weighty. An honest rebuttal would seek to marshal a similar number of arguments that go the other way. This, however, is impossible. The people who support multiculturalism and political correctness do so entirely on the strength of moral claims, and rarely attempt to use science to buttress their positions.

Science is a collaborative effort. Newton allegedly said that if he had seen further, it was because he was "standing on the shoulders of giants." Dutton makes extraordinarily good use of both historical and modern giants. As a top 500 Amazon reviewer with an interest in most of the fields that occupied Dutton, I am in a good position to judge. There are 380 references in his bibliography. I recognize the names of 36 (in comment 1 below) and have reviewed about half of them. I know enough to say that no author who disagreed with Dutton's major points could compile a bibliography half as rich. Dutton is in line with most modern thinking in the realms of genetics, evolutionary psychology, sociobiology, religion, human evolution, paleontology and other related fields.

If the book has a flaw, it is that Dutton works so fast that he does not eliminate all of the typographic errors, small syntax errors, and repetitions. One can say that given the modest readership of books that tweak the nose of the powers that be, he is certainly doing an adequate job. The scholarship of the book is not in any way diminished. A five-star effort.