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The Evolutionary Basis of Racism and Sexism

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Abstract

It is a modern controversy whether homosexuality is controlled by genes, or if it is a choice and can be affected by the person's environment. Another scientific endeavor in the past decades has been the mapping of the Human Genome. I am questioning whether the human species' genes program them to be bias to a certain race or sex and whether racism and sexism rise from our need to fill roles as separate races and sexes. The more obvious answer to both of the mentioned topics is that there is no way to prove either. There may not be a yes or no answer but there can be evidence that supports why humans behave this way. Racism and Sexism have been part of human behavior for millenia; and despite changing politics, cultures, and economies a line still remains between men and women and minorities versus the caucasian race. I believe that humans are predisposed to judge and group the world around them to better understand and control their own place in the food chain. Carl Linnaeus began grouping animals, including humans, by their characteristics so that he could study and better understand them. Within the human species there are separate ethnicities and races from all around the world, and there are many obvious differences that make each variation unique. These separate variations have a purpose and are used to fill the different roles necessary for humans to work together as a species. Hierarchies and niches are a natural part of the processes out in the wild as well as in our own homes and place of business. Humans have some behaviors that we are not fond of, but they are our instinctive attitudes toward one another and we cannot control them. The same necessity to fill roles can be applied to the differences between men and women. For millenia men have been the hunters and women have been the caregivers, if these niches were not filled humans would not have continued evolving. In our modern society some people believe that the separation between men and women is wrong and both should be treated equally. I believe that gender equity should be achieved not equality. Both sexes are not equal and must remain separate for humans to be successful, and a common sense