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Most people are convinced that the world is going to hell. We have less and less freedom. Life is becoming less pleasant. We have financial worries. Getting married and raising children is more and more difficult.

Cicero said 2,000 years ago "O tempore, O mores" Oh, the times, the morals. There's a case to be made is going to hell faster than ever before. We Americans owe 31 trillion dollars in national debt. One hundred thousand dollars for every man woman and child. Few of us could come up with that sort of money. It will never get repaid.

We have all these new diseases coming out like Covid. Also so many rules about how we have to behave. The races are not getting along very well. These are not good times.

Most people blame somebody or something. Communists blame the capitalists. Capitalists blame the socialists. The welfare moochers. The weak-willed people who accept whatever the government throws at them. Bill Gates, Donald Trump, George Soros and Anthony Fauci are at the top of everybody's lists. As for me, I blame evolution for making us what we are.

An Explanation Nobody will like

I have a novel point of view. Evolution got us into this cul-de-sac and evolution has to get us out. It is an explanation nobody will like.

- **Not Politicians**

The politicians won't like it because you can't blame anybody for how we evolved to be, and they can't steer any money towards fixing it.

- **Not Liberals**

Liberals won't like it because evolution is a process of populations becoming more and more different. The standard social science model the liberals favor claims that all people in the same in every essential way - we just come in attractive designer colors.

- **Not Work-Averse**

The biggest reason for not liking it is if that we evolved into this mess, we have to evolve out of it. Evolution is the process of having children, each generation somewhat better than the one before. That's how we got to be where we are.

But raising children is hard and thankless work. People don't like hard work. People would have to take personal responsibility for our mess. Human nature being what it is, the evolutionary explanation is a non-starter.

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Mechanics of Sexual Reproduction

Evolution among sexual species works like this. The father has double strand of DNA per chromosome. Mother also has a double strand of DNA. In the process of meiosis, they split and come together like this to form a new organism.

The baby gets 50% from mom and 50% from dad - except for mutations. There are 6 billion base pairs in our genome. In every generation give or take 100 mutations come from cosmic rays and from copying errors, so we are not exactly a product of our parents. Of these hundred mutations 90% are neutral and the rest mostly deleterious. Some, however, are improvements and that's how the species becomes better adapted to its environment.

What is evolution?

Per the Internet "Biological evolution is defined as change in the heritable characteristics of a population over succeeding generations. In more technical terms, evolution is defined as change in the gene pool of a population, measurable as changes in allele frequencies in a population." Our own European populations are evolving to be the opposite of what used to be considered fit.

Pace of evolution

You usually think of evolution as something that happens over millennia, like since the dinosaurs. In fact, it happens rather rapidly. For instance, my blue eyes showed up in Estonia about 10,000 years ago. Because blue eyes are so sexy, they spread throughout the population. Even more recently we were keeping cows in herds for their meat. Then we discovered that if we milked the cows would get more nutrition than if we kill them. We started to drink milk and we developed lactose tolerance. That's a major physical change in under 4000 years.

The Human Mind Improves

Eighty four percent of our genome controls our brain - things that you can't see such as personality, intellect and behavior.

They didn't give IQ tests back in time. Scholars like Gregory Clark at University California [in The Son Also Rises: Surnames and the History of Social Mobility](#) observe that we had much decreasing criminality, more productivity, more people able to read and write using wider vocabularies, able to do more complex arithmetic and double entry bookkeeping.

- **Gregory Clark**
The Son Also Rises

Our inventiveness accelerated. It took two million years to progress from discovering fire and making simple chipped rock knives to compound tools (hafted axes, rock-tipped spears and

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arrows. It took only a few tens of thousands more to start making boats, clothes, wheels and using metal. Since agriculture every century has brought significant inventions.

Edward Dutton in [At Our Wits End - Why We're Becoming Less Intelligent and What it Means for the Future](#) also argues convincingly that we got smarter up until the Industrial Revolution.

- **Edward Dutton**
At Our Wits End

Things Go Downhill

We became so clever that we were able to invent things like public health, toilets and medicines that kept everybody alive - including the dumb ones.

Governments instituted welfare, beginning with England's Poor Laws under Henry VIII. Tocqueville wrote in his [Memoir on Pauperism: Does Public Charity Produce an Idle and Dependent Class of Society?](#) that the number of beggars in England burgeoned to one in six citizens, vastly more than France or Portugal, even though it was richer.

- **Alexis de Tocqueville**
Memoir on Pauperism (1835)

At that point the dumb people's kids stopped dying and the smart people observed that there was no prestige, no advantage in having kids. They stopped having big families. That ended what they call purifying natural selection, under which the people who were less fit to reproduce didn't because they were dumb, had weird personalities that nobody wanted to marry, could not successfully raise kids.

We won't see it on IQ tests – they are re-centered at 100 for every generation. But what people can do – the complexity of what they read and write, the problems schoolchildren can solve – is going down. The National Longitudinal Study of Youth, PISA test results, SAT and ACT measures of preparedness for college have all been declining over time.

As Dutton (again) writes in [Spiteful Mutants: Evolution, Sexuality, Religion, and Politics in the 21st Century](#), the cleansing effect of evolution has not been in operation for two centuries. It used to be that those whose genetic makeup was unfit to be passed along did not get the opportunity to do so. Individuals who had serious physical defects such as hemophilia or aberrant personalities simply did not breed. They could not find mates. Without competent parents, the children they may have borne did not make it to adulthood. Now, whatever their defects, most children will live to adulthood and pass those defects on to the next generation.

- **Edward Dutton**
"Spiteful Mutants: Evolution, Sexuality, Religion, and Politics in the 21st Century"

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"The most fit," by the Darwinian definition, those who left the most offspring, ceased being the smartest, most productive, best adjusted people. The fittest became just the opposite – those parasites who let the government pay for raising, educating and incarcerating their children. Over a few generations purifying natural selection became putrefying natural selection.

- **Purifying Natural Selection →
Putrefying Natural Selection**

Our numbers are decreasing.

We, the traditional inhabitants of Northeast Asian and European-descended countries, do not have enough children to reproduce ourselves. In places like South Korea and Japan they are having only half enough. Without immigration their population will shrink by half every generation. We in Ukraine are a little bit better off – we shrink by only 3/8 per generation. 80% over a century. All these groups are selecting themselves for oblivion.

Dilution of the gene pool

The gene pools of the United States and Western Europe have changed as the European component has been diluted by immigration of Africans and South Asians into Europe and Mesoamericans into the United States. These people are temperamentally and [intellectually](#) different from Europeans. See also Richard Lynn's [IQ and Global Inequality](#).

- **David Becker**
<https://viewoniq.org/>
- **Richard Lynn**
IQ and Global Inequality

Recalling the definition that it is a shift in the "frequency of alleles in a population," immigration is causing our populations to evolve rapidly. See Frank Salter's [On Genetic Interests: Family, Ethnicity and Humanity in an Age of Mass Migration](#).

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- **Frank Salter**
On Genetic Interests.

Mutations and Environmental damage

Evolution is still driven by spontaneous mutations that arise from bombardment by radiation and from copying errors. These are probably increasing. In addition, mutations are introduced by genetic engineering. A new breed of vaccines, mRNA, permanently alter our DNA.

We're corrupting our environment with pollutants such as the glyphosate that we put on our crops. See Stephanie Seneff's [Toxic Legacy: How the Weedkiller Glyphosate is Destroying our Health and the Environment](#).

- **Stephanie Seneff**
Toxic Legacy

Though causality cannot be proven, electromagnetic radiation from microwaves and cell phones is correlated with brain and breast cancer. There is one quintillion times more radio frequency radiation in the atmosphere than there was two hundred years ago. That's a one with 18 zeros following it. We are the white mice in billionaires' biology experiments."

- **Joseph Mercola**
EMF*D: 5G, Wi-Fi & Cell Phones"

The evolving nature of inventions

- **Needs**

Most innovations prior to the Industrial Revolution, and continuing through the 19th century, satisfied fundamental human needs: food and water, energy, transport, housing and sanitation. These were the basis of the great fortunes amassed by Carnegie, Rockefeller, Harriman and Edison

- **Wants**

In the 20th century the focus evolved from needs to wants. The Duke and Reynolds fortunes were made in tobacco, which satisfies no natural need. Neither does advertising, which promoted its widespread use. The fortune behind President John F. Kennedy came from smuggling alcohol. Donald Trump's comes from resorts and gambling. Huge fortunes were built in the entertainment industry – movies, then radio and television. The fashion and cosmetics industries cater to women's wants, not real needs.

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- **Artificial needs and wants.**

The 21st century focus has been on artificial, unhealthy needs. Entrepreneurs have aroused a desire for degrading video and music people could consume on ubiquitous Apple and Android devices. So-called health professionals have been advocating childhood vaccines that are linked to autism and other disorders.

The pharmaceutical industry's kill shot has been Covid, a disease developed in a laboratory. The vaccine touted to prevent it was coincidentally concocted in advance of the disease. The manufacturers corrupted and coopted responsible government authorities throughout the world to receive approval. They hustled governments to sign contracts for billions of dollars worth of the so-called vaccines.

It is becoming clear, in retrospect, that the game plan had been developed over decades. The pharmaceutical industry had long been selling governments and the public dangerous, unnecessary and ineffective vaccines, AIDS medications, anti-depressants, opioids, blood pressure and indigestion medicines. Little money remains to be made in satisfying real needs. Entrepreneurs are resorting to creating artificial, dangerous needs. They propagandize, advertise and gaslight us to accept that their dubious offerings are essential.

Evolving interpersonal relationships

- **Personal bonds**
– **Face to Face**

Society used to be held together by personal trust. Human bonds were the glue. My parents' professional connections from the 1940s included their banker, Mr. Moldenchart, at the Ashby Avenue branch of Bank of America. Our family doctor, William Marsh, was also on Ashby Avenue, and our dentist Dr. Dakin in the 12-story American Trust Building, tallest in Berkeley. These men held our family records and knew our business. Their relationships with my parents were strong.

- **Electronic bonds**

Our trust evolved with automation. Starting in the 1930s, IBM's electronic accounting machines enabled banks, insurance companies and Social Security to competently manage money for people who were known only through machine-readable information. Gasoline company and Diner's Club credit cards emerged in the '50s, to be subsumed into BankAmericard (now Visa) and American Express in the '60s when computers could handle the transaction load.

Trusting in computers, we allowed ourselves to be known merely as numbers. Numbers with identifiable, quantifiable properties such as tastes, incomes, spending habits and reliability.

Evolutionary response

Humans adapted, learning to please algorithms instead of people. SATs, mortgage applications, merit raise examinations, etc. We are more isolated than ever, a collection of social security, credit card and passport numbers, floating in cyberspace with associated biometric data. Through a number of mechanisms, known and unknown, some certainly genetic and hence evolutionary, we have diminished levels of religious belief, libido and even sperm counts.

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• **Evolution of ethics**

Evolution has almost erased the in-group out-group ethics that characterized primates throughout our evolutionary history. We trust global mechanisms such as the Internet, banking system and national currencies. Changes to societal mores and almost certainly the psychological makeup dictated by our genome have made us more likely to accept strangers. We Europeans can even exhibit what a book title calls Pathological Altruism. We venerate the other to our own detriment.

Human societies used to regard themselves as superorganisms. The individual was finite, bounded in ability and time, but his society was eternal and capable of endless growth. We felt we were part of a greater enterprise, be it the Christian religion, Western civilization, the Irish nation or whatever.

This is no longer the case. We have all become pragmatists, rooted in reality, not feeling ourselves part of anything bigger. As isolated individuals we feel no compulsion to invest in children or bring those we do have up to carry on our culture.

Evolving our way out of the cul-de-sac

That's where we are today. This is all the product of evolution. How do we get out of this cul-de-sac of evolution? The only path is the traditional way, the way our ancestors up to the Industrial Revolution. Have children to be like us, and hope that purifying natural selection shapes each successive generation within each tribe and nation, so that each becomes better over time.

This may be a golden era for human evolution. So many individuals feel no compulsion to have children, and divert their sex drive to everything besides procreation, that those who feel inclined to have children should have ample resources to do so. There are so many people beyond working age, and so many without the mental ability to do the work society needs done, that the labor markets will accept our children enthusiastically.