

How Modern Fake Racial Classifications Came Out of the Old Fake Continent of Europe

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Modern humans have a wide range of skin colors, including black, white and many shades in between. Beginning about 600 years ago, a bunch of people with white skin created the myth that those with black skin were a different race and were inferior to those with white skin, which enabled them to justify using sailing ships with big guns to terrorize their “inferiors” and colonize the rest of the world, taking control of their lands, and exploiting their resources. The “inferior” group was typically called “colored” but the “whites” never drew a clear line between the two classes, perhaps because that enabled them to put anyone they didn’t like in the inferior class. In any case, the sole purpose of making this distinction was to justify discriminating against the colored people.

A detailed but fairly shallow look at this issue in recent times can be seen at [What is “white supremacy”? A brief history of a term, and a movement, that continues to haunt America](#) and this ill-defined racial classification system has become widely accepted over the years. Consequently, this fantasy is embedded in our culture and statistics are reported on a daily basis in public media and governmental records. So how are races determined? There are two main ways:

1. When joining organizations or registering with governmental agencies, people are often asked to select their race, which is not a very scientific method;
2. Alternatively, supervisors are often called upon to categorize people who work for them, which they generally do with a blow of the eye; like others, I did that for many years.

In other words, there is no scientific basis for these classifications, such as measurement of skin reflectivity, so there is no basis for doing scientific studies based on racial classifications. Nevertheless, social, business, and medical studies are widely done on the basis of these fake classifications. In reality, there is just one human race and all of our earliest ancestors, called hominins, had black skin and came from Africa.



Amiguity. I happen to be an example of the ambiguity of racial classification based on skin color. At left is a 1953 photo of me just after I became a naval officer. Below is a picture of me and my classmates the next year, after I had spent some time in the sun – I am 4th from the right in the top row. And, as you can see, I am black.

In fact, because my skin tans easily, that happens whenever I spend a lot of time in the summer sun. However, I bleach out to white in the winter, which means that I change races twice a year. I am not going outside so much anymore but estimate that, based on skin color, over the years I have changed races something over 150 times.

In other words, racial classification based on skin color is inherently ambiguous.



U. S. Naval Aviation Electronics Class in Millington, Tennessee, August 1954

Top Row: Dave Mann, Ron Hagelin, Jim Lewis, Neil Larson, Charlie Jasper, Bob Gunn, Lester Earnest, Jack Harvey, Stu Campbell, Frank Allen.

Seated: Bert Larsen, Leisy Lawless, Majerus, Holt, Joe Harrison, Mack Walker, Bob, Koche.

One of the biggest fantasies created over the last few hundred years is that racial classification has a scientific basis. The view that white people are superior to all others is embedded in the minds of many such people and is embraced by public media around the world. Daily newspapers and televisions report percentages of races in various employments and other activities, none of which has any scientific basis. Medical professionals do studies and make health recommendations based on this grossly unscientific racial classification system that is endorsed by the Ku Klux Klan.

Where We Came From. Our ancient ancestors split off from our cousins, the chimpanzees and bonobos, about six million years ago but continued to live in Africa as nomadic hunter-gatherers. They evidently came out of the trees after about a million years later and then switched to an upright walking posture. That left their hands free for carrying tools and weapons, which enabled them to develop an increasingly advanced lifestyle.

Tribal warriors found it advantageous to raid the campsites of neighboring tribes to gain control of hunting lands as well as for stealing food and bringing back young women to serve as slaves and sex objects, with the result that evolution implanted the tendency to do that in their minds because it also had the advantageous effect of increasing genetic diversity in their tribe.

In defense, people had to be able to quickly identify those who were members of their tribe to distinguish them from those who were not. Nobody wore any clothing then, so this perception was necessarily based on facial and other body characteristics, including skin color. In fact, evolution caused babies to observe those around them from birth and learn to distinguish between close relatives and others. This ability persists in the modern world: when three-month-old babies are shown photos of people who look like their parents they stare at them whereas if they are shown pictures of people who look different they avert their gaze. In other words, we are all born with a tendency toward racism based on differences in appearance.

Various tribal groups evolved in slightly different directions and some started migrating out of Africa long ago. Given that the human body depends on vitamin D produced by skin exposed to sunlight, those who went to higher latitudes in Eurasia, where sunlight is weaker, necessarily developed lighter colored skin, since black skin blocked too much sunlight. Neanderthal tribes, for example, developed light skin that enabled them to live in northern Eurasia.

Later on, a black African tribe that we call Sapiens, who had earlier developed the ability to speak and used it to develop a new style of hunting using coordinated attacks by multiple spear throwers, suddenly found themselves at the top of the food chain. They then migrated into central Eurasia, which put them in competition with their Neanderthal and Denisovan neighbors. They then interbred, most likely by conducting raids on their neighbors and bringing back young women with white skin and the resulting cross-breeding produced Sapiens with light-colored skin, who then migrated throughout northern Eurasia, continuing to compete with the Neanderthals. However, because the Neanderthals' hunting skills were inferior to those of the Sapiens, they eventually died out around 30,000 years ago.



Concurrently, black Sapiens continued to evolve in Africa, with the result that there is now more genetic diversity among them than in the entire rest of the world. For example, tall Watutsi (at left), are fairly closely related to Eurasians but with much darker skin, and live near Bambuti, also called pygmies (just below), who are very small. About the only thing they have in common is black skin.

Because our human ancestors have evolved longer in Africa than anywhere else, there is more genetic diversity among black Africans today than between some of them and the rest of the world, including those with white skin.



My family and I became more deeply entangled in racism in 1963 when we moved from Massachusetts to Virginia, where everyone was supposed to be either “White” or “Colored”. I perhaps should have called myself “Human” but, having a tendency toward provocation, I called myself a “Mongrel” as described in my 1989 CACM computer journal article [\[1\]](#).

As discussed there, no existing racial classification system has a scientific basis, yet public media report all kinds of racial and ethnic statistics every day and those classifications are written into laws as well as being used in medical studies, which is nonsensical. My article was apparently the first to describe how to do scientifically valid racial classification based on DNA analysis but I also pointed out that doing that would be pointless because everyone alive today is a mixed descendant of various ancient tribes and we are all members of a single race, called Homo Sapiens. In fact, everyone alive today is a direct descendant of the black African tribe of that name and we each got nearly all of our genes from members of that tribe.

In view of the fact that everyone alive today is African, what do the widely used non-African racial categories mean? Absolutely nothing – they are all inventions of racists but are accepted as real. Even medical professionals today subscribe to this nonsense. For example, Kaiser Permanente, which provides medical services for my family, posts laboratory results showing different normal ranges for “African-Americans” than for others. What that means is that these medical professionals, like most people, are racists.

A Split, Then a Merge. Going back in time, various hominins (proto-humans) started coming out of Africa long ago and a tribe we call Neanderthals migrated to Central Eurasia about 300,000 years ago. There they developed progressively lighter

skin as an adaptation to the smaller amount of sunlight available at higher latitudes. Humans need vitamin D, which the skin produces with exposure to sunlight, but at high latitudes dark skin interferes with that process. Some Neanderthals also developed lighter colored hair.

Meanwhile, back in Africa, after developing the ability to speak, the Sapiens developed a new style of hunting about 70,000 years ago, using hunting groups armed with spears doing coordinated attacks that enabled them to kill animals of any size, including mammoths, mastodons, and saber tooth cats that were larger than today's African Lions. This suddenly put them at the top of the food chain and allowed their descendants to dominate the Earth. In other words, while intelligence played a part in their successful dominance the key development was their becoming the top-level killers.

Around 50,000 years ago some Sapiens migrated to Central Eurasia and began hunting near the Neanderthals who were already there, which inevitably led to intertribal warfare. The Sapiens' superior hunting style gave them an edge, enabling them to both take stored food from their neighbors and to capture young women and bring them back to their tribe as both laborers and sex partners, with the result that their offspring had lighter skin, which was advantageous at high latitudes.

Meanwhile, even though the Neanderthals had larger brains than the Sapiens and were likely more intelligent in some ways, their hunting style remained inferior. Instead of using coordinated attacks, men attempted to wrestle game or adversaries to the ground and developed very large torsos and arms for that tactical use but they were no match for men with spears. Consequently, they eventually died out, leaving Eurasia under the control of Sapiens.

A New Run at Dominance. Beginning a few hundred years ago, long after Christianity had become the dominant religion of West Eurasia and both holy wars and discrimination had been imposed on competing religions such as Judaism and Islam, people living there concocted a scheme for spreading terrorism and colonialism around the world using sailing gunships. To help justify doing that they created two myths:

1. The Western part of Eurasia is a separate continent called Europe;
2. White people are superior to all others.

As anyone can see with a glance at a map, Europe is not a separate continent and never has been. Nevertheless, that big lie is accepted around the world today. White skin was actually inherited from what turned out to be an inferior tribe that died out, but most people didn't know that history, so these myths remain widely accepted today and strongly affect both political processes and daily living.

Terminate Eurocentric Terminology. The ongoing pretense by public media that Europe is a separate continent and has well-defined boundaries should be terminated. Also, other parts of the world are currently identified in Eurocentric terms

such as Near East, Middle East and Far East, none of which make sense for people living outside of West Eurasia. The real continent should be called Eurasia and other terminology should be changed as follows.

What is now called	Should be called
Europe	West Eurasia
Middle East	Central Eurasia
Far East	East Eurasia

Of course, public media will continue resisting telling the truth about both geography and racism.

Happily, Racism will Eventually Fade Away because of the increasing mobility of the modern world encourages interbreeding. I am proud to say that my 15 descendants, including 6 great-grandchildren so far, are various mixtures of West Eurasian, Yupik Eskimo, Filipino, West African, and Puerto Rican. Anyone who thinks they can racially classify each of them with a blow of the eye is seriously confused

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