

Joshua Wilson's Research Paper

The major question that this research paper is centered around is "were whites smarter than blacks and some indigenous people all over the world". This is a question that Jared Diamond made prevalent in his book titled ***Guns, Germs, and Steel***. This question is supported by distant and recent events in human history all over the world.

Whites have always been held to a higher standard of "conventional intelligence" than others from around the world, cultural differences have clouded what IQ or intelligence is. There are over 8 types of intelligence, as contrasted by popular belief, the whites make up the modern cultural standard of intelligence (linguistic and logical-mathematical). While, non-whites were naturalist and spatial people. Those reasons could be used to answer Yali's proposed question "Why is it that you white people developed so much cargo and brought it to New Guinea, but we black people had little cargo of our own?" and the answer to that is not concrete yet, but the best answer to it is that neither were smarter than the other they just made the most out of their situation with what they had to work with at the time.

With Blacks and indigenous people being naturalist and spatially intelligent they made the most out of being hunter-gatherer society, they made adept shelters, were advanced at living on their own in the wild, and they were equally and if not more civilized than the most of the regular societies in the world at the time. While, on the contrary whites were "Booksmart", they were good with numbers and words. Next, they also had metal which helped them get guns and armor which led them to be more volatile and gruesome than black and indigenous people. The numbers of wars, and the number of people which were killed in those wars far outweighed the amount indigenous people had in wars.

In conclusion, with Diamond's supporting claims and statements backing up the aforementioned question of "were whites smarter than blacks?" had little impact on the difference in the development of different races around the world because they all made the most out of what they had, which in turn made them both equally intelligent.