

What If Anything Has Changed About Human Nature In the Last 2000 Years?

Post by “Don” of January 5, 2024 at 9:31 AM

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Don, though I appreciate the insightfulness of your perspective (brain hasn't changed since species began) I hope you are wrong

The brain has changed dramatically in volume and structure since our early hominin ancestors. I believe that photo comparison from the Smithsonian is comparing early hominin brain size to "modern" humans 200,000 years ago. The general timeframe for homo sapiens (that "sapiens" had always struck me as being a little to full of ourselves!) appearing seems to be at least 300,000 per this article:

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[An Evolutionary Timeline of Homo Sapiens](#)

Scientists share the findings that helped them pinpoint key moments in the rise of our species
www.smithsonianmag.com

"In the case of H. sapiens, known remains only date back some 300,000 years"

It sounds like you're headed toward the ideas expressed by the "extended mind" thesis.

[Extended mind thesis - Wikipedia](#)

<https://youtu.be/Nf2a3XAZugU?feature=shared>

<https://youtu.be/HUjZpWe-zHs?feature=shared>

<https://www.epicureanfriends.com/thread/3625-what-if-anything-has-changed-about-human-nature-in-the-last-2000-years/?postID=28448#post28448>

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Rejection of science, diversion into "alternative facts", and unfounded intellectual belief systems, based on preference rather than any objective data, are getting us into trouble. In this era of planetary perspective we need to be objective, but many reject that simply out of preference.

Just a word of caution (not that I disagree!!), but don't start heading too fast or too far into contemporary political ramifications or discussions of those ideas. Just a heads up.