

## Is economic development tied to genetic diversity?

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

Why countries are at different stages of economic development has long intrigued social scientists. Geographic location and population density are the classic explanations. More recently, technological innovation, colonialism and political institutions were added. Now, two economists in the United States are arguing that the genetic mix of the population plays an important role.

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