

Sixty years of a (flawed) DNA worldview

The following is an excerpt.

The popular notion of the double helix being the main and the only player in cellular and genetic information is quite flawed

Over the last week, there have been several articles celebrating the passage of 60 years since James Watson and Francis Crick published their paper in *Nature* describing the double helical structure of the DNA molecule... Ever since, largely through miscommunication by many parties, “there is a gene for condition xyz” has been taken to mean, “the gene causes xyz and the gene alone causes it.”

The strength of this acceptance is so extreme that these days it is quite normal to hear people refer to some of the deeply engrained practices within an organisation, in a business, or even in a community, having nothing to do with genes, as being “in their DNA.”

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