

## Indians and Europeans share 'light-skin' genetic coding

Indians share a gene with Europeans that plays a significant role in coding for lighter skin, new research suggests.

The study, published Thursday in the journal PLOS Genetics, also revealed that the gene, which is responsible for 27 percent of skin color variation in Indians, was positively selected for in North, but not South Indian populations.

When something is "selected for," that means it provides some advantage and so gets passed down to offspring, becoming more prevalent in a population over time.

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