Race doesn't exist: What this claim really means in regards to science

No biologist denies that there are real genetic differences among human groups...We all agree that race exists, we just differ in what exactly we mean by "race"...When scientists say that race is a construct, they don't mean that our species is genetically homogeneous. They mean that the racial categories we all use are at least as much about nurture as they are about nature.

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I compare human biodiversity to creationism, and I'd like to continue that analogy briefly. So-called creation scientists will tell you that they are being open minded. Why not consider the possibility of an Intelligent Designer and test for it objectively?

However, the real reason scientists don't touch intelligent design is that there is no evidence for it, and there is no clear way that one could even test for it scientifically.

When someone touts a scientific approach to theism, my assumption is not that they are open minded. It's that they already have their mind made up, and are trying to jerry-rig a scientific justification for it. Otherwise, why would they even bother? The same is true for the human biodiversity program. There is no evidence for cognitive differences among human groups...[W]e can't set up a definitive test like one could with other species, since you can't raise humans in a controlled environment.

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