

Prelude to *America's Man on Horseback: A Fable?*

Mothers, Leadership, and Success Origins of Success and Failure

Male offspring of dominant chimpanzee mothers normally develop into Alpha males while passive mothers rear passive chimpanzees.

The dominance level of a human mother commonly settles in advance the adult achievement needs of her child.

Dominant successful men in first-time marriages ordinarily prefer nondominant women who rear “under-achievers.”

High achievers are the offspring of dominant mothers who usually choose nondominant men in first-time marriages.

Genes and “race” are red herrings. Look to the successes or failures of the mother’s brothers to estimate the adult achievement level of a child.

Dominant chimpanzee females cannot control their fertility; the ratios of dominance to passivity remain relatively static generation to generation.

Dominant human females can and do control their fertility, particularly during periods of boundless affluence.

When dominant women en masse choose career success to the exclusion of child rearing, illiteracy multiplies, discipline disappears, and crime cannot be controlled. Leadership dwindles and trade balances suffer.

Commercial, financial, and political corruption anticipate bankruptcies, worthless currency, and civil unrest. This stage in the cycles of history varies little.

My breaking the code of child-rearing practices as the root of adult success or failure was either a religious experience or a Maslow “peak experience.” In any event a gift to me. Those who read and believed *Mothers, Leadership, and Success* (1990) knew in advance the adult potential for success or failure of their children.

This, in turn, opened the secret of why great societies rise and fall. Those who read and believed *America's Man on Horseback: A Fable?* (1998) and separated truth from satire, lost nothing in the stock market “bubble,” while many profited.

These thoughts prompted this serialization of *America's Man on Horseback: A Fable?*.