



The Biological Clock and Achieving Women

Something new? Of course not! There is a larger picture. Every great failed civilization experienced the same phenomenon near the end of its ten-generation cycle. Achieving women had fewer or no children. And without the help of the pill. **Net result: fewer high achieving children.**

In the animal world, Dr. Jane Goodall can predict, at birth, a future Alpha male of a chimpanzee group. How? By observing chimpanzee mothers. Submissive female chimpanzees rear passive offspring; dominant chimpanzee mothers rear Alpha male chimpanzees. And so it is with humans.

Success or failure is grounded in child-rearing practices of the primary child-rearer, almost always the mother. Neither genes or "race" produce high achieving adults. When achievement is measured by the accumulation of money, power, or fame, the trait of dominance is found. "The degree of dominance in one individual compared to another is seen in the degree of inner need to influence, usually in a positive manner, the behavior of others." [*Mothers, Leadership, and Success, p. 15*]

Dominant chimpanzee females cannot control their fertility. Therefore the ratios of dominance to passivity remain relatively static generation to generation. Dominant human females, even in ancient times, can and do control their fertility during periods of boundless affluence. They seek money or power or fame, and justly so.

Dominant, high achieving males could give up success and rear their infants. "James Mill shunted his wife aside and lavished his energy and attention on making his infant son [John Stuart Mill] a genius." [*Mothers, Leadership, and Success p. 51*] Dominant men can rear dominant sons and daughters; almost all choose not to do so. Additionally, dominant, successful men in first-time marriages ordinarily prefer nondominant women, who do not compete with them and who rear "under-achievers." High achieving and competitive women are the offspring of dominant mothers and usually choose nondominant men in first-time marriages.

To estimate the adult achievement level of a child, look to the successes or failures of the mother's brothers.

When dominant women en-masse choose career success to the exclusion of child rearing, illiteracy multiplies, discipline disappears, and crime of all kinds cannot be controlled. Leadership and trade balances decline. Commercial, financial, and political corruption anticipate bankruptcies, foreign intervention, worthless currency, and civil unrest. This last stage in ten-generation cycles varies little.

In the latter years of past affluent civilizations, their populations concerned themselves with instant gratification. And so it is with our society. History shows that the tenth generation (Generation X) does repeat itself; 1988-2012 for the United States, 637-612 B.C. for Assyria, 355-330 B.C. in Persia, 125-100 B.C. in Greece, 52-27 B.C. in the Roman Republic, A.D. 855-880 in the Arab Empire, and on and on and on. The biological clock is a modern excuse, not the cause of a civilization's slide from greatness.

In addition, during the latter years of great but failing civilizations inheritances produce nondominant leaders. Nondominant Nicholas II of Russia, the last Tsar, lost his job and his life.



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Less than three generations ago, England's nondominant King Edward VIII abdicated the throne to wed the dominant Wallis Warefield Simpson. The leadership and throne fell to his brother, George VI, also nondominant. George VI took his responsibilities seriously, did his best, and died early. His wife blamed Wallis Simpson.

The 2000 national election allowed America to choose its first nondominant president-either George W. Bush or Al Gore.

In the U.S. dominant, high achieving women are lamenting their biological clocks running out. It is too late to lament. Dominant American women, choosing success and limiting child rearing began as a freshet in 1946, became a deluge in 1964, then to inundation in 1988, and today is a torrential, unstoppable flood. Protracted affluence allowed dominant women to choose a "better" life. In doing so they failed to rear dominant female children to replace them and, in turn, to rear future generations of dominant high-achievers, male or female.

Grieve about biological clocks? Better to use your time and wits to protect against the coming vicissitudes of history's cruel punishment meted out to those living when decades of affluence end.

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