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This is fascinating. Could we get a quantitative measure on the cost of =ndividual brains, with respect to resource consumption and quality =ontrol? The former would be mostly brain size, i.e. how hard it is to =eed it, but also how long it takes to develop and train it. The latter =ould apply to individual differences in intelligence etc. with roughly =he same brain size.

Insect societies should be special, because the absence of individual =hances for reproduction removes evolutionary competition between them. =ndividual intelligence benefits the other members, too. In social =pecies where every individual has a chance of reproduction, individual =ntelligence in addition gives an edge over competitors in the same =opulation. Why would mob rule encourage lower intelligence in =ndividuals? We still have competition among the mobsters, so there is =lways an evolutionary pressure towards higher intelligence.

Intelligence is a tool for many uses, it may be used for abstract =roblem solving or for power. The latter might imply that being too =ntelligent is dangerous. If an individual is powerful, it might benefit =rom getting rid of competition, especially smarter but currently less =owerful potential rivals. In a species with social dominance =ierarchies, it might be a survival advantage for the vast majority to =e either less smart than the ones in power, or to be smart and totally =isinterested in power. It is tempting to ponder if that could explain =erds, i.e. people with high intelligence but low social skills and =ittle interest in dominance.

> Am 18.06.2015 um 06:23 schrieb jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>:
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