
From: jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 7:00 PM
To: Peter Thiel
Subject: Re: FW:

evolution seems to invade culture as well as biological systems. in any socially competitive game govt=C2 . grants. relationships deception is a useful strategy, when you have observers, even more so. as it provides leverage over a group at a small cost/. and yes much more to discuss

On Mon, Apr 11, 2016 at 2:44 PM, Peter Thiel [REDACTED] > wrote:

Jeff -> much longer discussion, but not sure I even made my questions clear:

(1). I don't question that there is a line of evolutionary thinking under which deception is highly adaptive (and in this sense, it is quite compatible with the findings of science). I meant it more as a question of the sociology of science: If there is a lot of deception in science, then there are a lot of fake scientists trying to get government grant money and thereby replace the real scientists. I think this is a pretty big phenomenon and seriously underestimated.

(2). The related question of whether the amount of deception goes up or down over time is not about evolutionary biology (since I assume our evolutionary nature doesn't change that quickly), but more about politics and technology. Thus, if there are better ways of detecting deception, then there may be less taking place (the cost/benefit calculus just shifts). And perhaps conversely, if there is a stronger government, then perhaps it will be able to get away with more deception (think fascist/communist propaganda, or Orwell's 1984) and will find it easier to pretend that it is solving problems than actually to solve problems.

--Peter

From: Peter Thiel <[REDACTED]>
<mailto:[REDACTED]> >>
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 10:31 AM
Subject: FW:
To: [REDACTED]
<mailto:[REDACTED]>
<mailto:[REDACTED]>
<mailto:[REDACTED]> >>

From: jeffrey E. [mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com <mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, April 11, 2016 3:39 AM
To: Peter Thiel <[REDACTED]>
<mailto:[REDACTED]> >>
Subject:

briefly, trivers and I share the same belief in the major role of deception. - a tool to protect or conquer free energy.. in essence if the predator can read your algorithm, you are easy food . so deception is the first line of defense as it usually the cheapest. if a prey knows its own algorithm it is open to interrogation. so nature hides it from the "self". Deceptive self confidence is also a winning game strategy. Ants engage in the practice of mimetic camouflage. , false direction. etc. To some extent, so do most viruses. ie since HIV clearly masquerades itself as a unit of self. your question re deception increasing, - yes as fast as methods of detection. note I assume you are awake

--

please note

The information contained in this communication is confidential, may be attorney-client privileged, may constitute inside information, and is intended only for the use of the addressee. It is the property of

JEE

Unauthorized use, disclosure or copying of this communication or any part thereof is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by

return e-mail or by e-mail to jeevacation@gmail.com <<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>>

<<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> <<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>> >, and

destroy this communication and all copies thereof,

including all attachments. copyright -all rights reserved

--

please note

The information contained in this communication is confidential, may be attorney-client privileged, may constitute inside information, and is intended only for the use of the addressee. It is the property of JEE Unauthorized use, disclosure or copying of this communication or any part thereof is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. If you have received this communication in error, please notify us immediately by return e-mail or by e-mail to jeevacation@gmail.com <<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com>> , and destroy this communication and all copies thereof, including all attachments. copyright -all rights reserved