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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. =s it provides leverage over a group at a small cost/. and yes such 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 where deception is highly adaptive (and in this sense, it is quite comparable 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 grants 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). =AO 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

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briefly, trivers and I share the same belief in the major=role of deception. - a tool to protect or conquer =ree energy.. in essence if the predator can read your algorit=m, you are easy food . so deception is the first line of defen=e as it usually the cheapest. if a prey knows its own algorit=m it is open to interrogation. so nature hides it =from the" self". Deceptive self confidence is also a =inning game strategy. Ants engage in the p=actise of mimetic. camouflage. , false direction. etc. T=some extent, so do most viruses. ie since HIV clearly m=squerades itself as a unit of self. your question re is =ception increasing, - yes as fast as methods of detecti=n. note I assume you are awake

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