
From: Joichi Ito <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2015 2:39 AM
To: Barnaby Marsh
Cc: Jeffrey Epstein
Subject: Re: "Genius" finding

Yes...

BTW, I am going to recruit, possibly, Cynthia Greenleaf, Jonathan =anton's wife, to help. Jonathan is now the president of the American =cademy and Cynthia was Associate Provost at U of C and until recently =n executive search person in academia. They have experience with the =acarthur Fellows and have access to all of the stuff flowing through =he American Academy... So I am definitely tapping into that pipe.

I'm also going to FOO and Sci FOO this year and will be very =ystematic about it. I'll use some sort of algorithm on the attendees =o figure out who to meet.

We're also doing two faculty searches and now am screening all of the =ncoming applications and nominations.

- Joi

> On Feb 18, 2015, at 9:34 PM, Barnaby Marsh <[REDACTED]> =rote:

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> Yes, exactly - this is how it is at Harvard too, but very soon people
> =now who the top minds are, and which are impostors - word spreads,
> and =hose with the good minds get invited to lunches, talks, the
> american =cademy, etc. there must be some way to crack this...

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> On 2/18/15, 9:27 PM, "Joichi Ito" <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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>> I think the brute force way of getting the interesting
>> ³attractors²=labs like George¹'s to give us a list of the people who
>> they think would =it this model.

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>> The problem is, and I'm working on this at MIT, most researchers =nd
>> post docs are sort of ³undocumented immigrants² that we don't
>> =ormally trackŠ

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>> - Joi

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>>> On Feb 18, 2015, at 9:23 PM, Barnaby Marsh <[REDACTED]> =rote:

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>>> On the right track- like the bayesian method. I think that the
>>> environment matters a lot too- the people that we look for aggregate
>>> =n places like Cambridge, where they can be with others who they can
>>> resonate with. My guess is that many times they might not have
>>> =ormal positions, but are visitors to labs, research groups, etc. Is
>>> there =ny way to get lists of such people???

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>>> From: Joichi Ito <[REDACTED]>
>>> Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015 at 8:10 AM
>>> To: B Marsh <[REDACTED]>, Jeffrey Epstein
>>> <jeevacation@gmail.com>
>>> Subject: Fwd: "Genius" finding
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>>>> From: Scott Page <[REDACTED]>
>>>> Date: February 14, 2015 at 07:16:47 EST
>>>> To: Joichi Ito <[REDACTED]>
>>>> Subject: "Genius" finding
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>>>> Joi,
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>>>> I've been thinking about your question of how to identify amazing
>>>> people.
>>>> Here are several thoughts that don't necessarily cohere.
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>>>> I think your approach has to depend partly on the goal. The
>>>> algorithm I would construct to find the next great artist would
>>>> differ from mine to find a teacher, mathematician, cancer
>>>> researcher, brain scientist, etc... If you're totally wide open as
>>>> to subject area, then it seems to me you want to cast a wide net.
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>>>> I would be tempted to try the Bayesian Truth Serum and ask
>>>> something like Pick a really smart friend, who would that person
>>>> say should win a genius award.
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>>>> Rather than try to identify people, you might instead seek out
>>>> papers/projects/programs/ideas and then identify the person after
>>>> the fact.
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>>>> You might want to consider asking people for the "coolest thing
>>>> they know that's NOT on the web (yet)
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>>>> So much filtering and assessment already goes on that most programs
>>>> free ride on that -- giving award to people who have already won
>>>> awards. This suggests that one place to look is at the "losers" -
>>>> contact MacArthur, NIH, NSF, DARPA, GOOGLE, and ask who do you
>>>> regret not funding?
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>>>> Once you've got a long list of possibilities you have many options.
>>>> Here are some you may not have considered
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>>>> You could also pay people on mechanical turk to write up little
>>>> blurbs on each one and then seed them on Facebook, Twitter, etc..
>>>> and then only look at the ones that get retweeted.

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>>>> You could use Matt Salganik's pairwise comparison website.
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>>>> hope this helps. Happy to think more.
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>>>> Scott E Page
>>>> University of Michigan-Ann Arbor
>>>> Santa Fe Institute
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