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Interview with Jared Taylor



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This exclusive interview with Journalist Jared Taylor was conducted in Oakton, VA by Nicola Linza and Cristoffer Neljesjö during January 2015

Tell us a bit about American Renaissance and why you started it.

I started American Renaissance more than 25 years ago as a way to promote ideas that are taboo in the mainstream media. It began as a monthly paper publication but three years ago we shifted entirely to the Internet because that is a much more efficient way to communicate with large numbers of people.

What is Race Realism?

It is a realistic way of understanding race that was taken for granted by almost all people up until perhaps 60 or 70 years ago, but has been forced underground by the current campaign against “racism.” Some of its tenets are:

1. Race is a biological reality. It is astonishing how common it has become to deny the reality of race. Australian Aborigines are physically different from Native Americans, who are physically different from East Africans, who are physically different from Northern Europeans. It takes an extraordinary commitment to obfuscation to pretend that these physical differences are not biological but are a “social construct.” Increasing knowledge of genetics is leading to an always-improving understanding of the biology and significance of race.
2. Races differ, on average, in their abilities. This is a concept that terrifies many people, but the evidence is overwhelming. Some of this evidence is presented in articles we have collected and written over the years.

The question of racial differences in intelligence is especially offensive to people who would like to think that all groups are equal, and even many people who are aware of these differences prefer not to talk about them for fear of hurting the feelings of people in less intelligent groups. However, in the United States whites are routinely blamed for the academic and professional shortcomings of non-whites—especially blacks, Hispanics, and American Indians—so group differences in ability are a subject that we must deal with honestly, if only out of self defense.

3. People generally prefer the company of people like themselves. This is a statement that is widely accepted if the similarities between people are limited to such things as hobbies, interests, education levels, etc., but people of all races show a strong tendency to prefer to live, work, and socialize with people of their own race. We should build a society that recognizes this fact of human nature rather than try to force people to live as though race did not matter.

4. Cultures are carried forward in a meaningful way only by the biological descendants of the people who created that culture.

How did your upbringing influence your interest in race and intelligence?

I was born in Japan to parents who were Presbyterian missionaries, and lived in Japan until I was 16 years old. My parents had conventional liberal views on race, and I absorbed their views. Many people assume that I became interested in race because of my experience as a foreigner living in a racially homogenous country, but surprising as this may seem, that is not the case. I had conventional views about race until I was well into my 30s. I clung to those view for a long time and abandoned them only in the face of much contrary experience and evidence.

Why is promoting White culture often viewed as racism?

I don't fully know the answer to this question. Every other racial group is permitted and even encouraged to promote its own culture and to advance its own interests. Only for whites is this considered "racism" or "hate." Whites are unique in that the majority of them seem to have persuaded themselves to believe that it is wrong to think that being white is part of a positive identity.

People have proposed many theories as to why whites lost their sense of themselves: The devastation of two world wars, the universalist message of Christianity, the corrosive effects of wealth, attacks by Jewish intellectuals on the idea of white racial consciousness. I don't think any or all of these fully explains a kind of psychological capitulation that is unique in the history of the world.

I have often asked liberals why it is considered healthy for Hispanics to take great pride in their growing numbers and influence but it is considered pathological for whites to regret their declining numbers and influence. These are perfectly parallel processes, and if it is normal for Hispanics (or any other group) to want their numbers and influence to grow, it should be normal for whites to want the same thing for themselves. It is certainly normal that they would not want to be in decline, but for whites even to think in terms of their interests or destiny as a group is considered "hate." I have never heard an intelligent attempt to justify this double standard which, in the long run, will be fatal to whites and their culture.

Former Japanese Prime Minister Tarō Asō once described Japan as being a nation of “one race, one civilization, one language and one culture”. Is this the ideal society?

These are the circumstances under which societies operate most smoothly. Any introduction of diversity results in conflict and tension, as we can see in any place on earth where diverse groups of people are trying to share the same territory. This is something Americans used to understand. In 1787, in the second of *The Federalist Papers*, John Jay gave thanks that “Providence has been pleased to give this one connected country to one united people, a people descended from the same ancestors, speaking the same language, professing the same religion, attached to the same principles of government, very similar in their manners and customs”

Jay was celebrating homogeneity, not diversity, and would certainly be considered a “hate monger” today.

At the same time, homogeneity is the only guarantor of true diversity. If cultures and people mix indiscriminately, the unique achievements of different cultures are washed away. In the case of Japan, it is hard to imagine anyone but the Japanese themselves maintaining and developing their own culture. It is the same for the Chinese or the Nigerians or the Mexicans. Most people accept that this principle applies to non-white groups and nations. It is only whites who are denounced as “haters” or “supremacists” when they speak of the necessity of preserving their populations in order to preserve their cultures.

What are the most serious challenges the Western World faces in the 21st century?

The greatest challenge to the West is non-white immigration. Most white nations are being rapidly transformed by large-scale immigration from the Third World. When whites are reduced to a minority in the United States or France or Britain, those countries will have lost their distinctive, Western character and will have lost many of the desirable qualities that made them attractive to Third-World immigrants.

This impending transformation of the West is a colossal, avoidable tragedy. Yet anyone who even talks about it is considered a moral inferior.

The great irony is that, in their bones, virtually all white people understand that their displacement is a tragedy. No matter what they may say about their love of “diversity,” almost no white people of any nationality enjoy the experience of being a minority in their own country. In Canada, Europe, America, or Australia it is always the same: When a neighborhood or school stops being majority white, the remaining whites move away and look for places where they are still the majority. And yet they are unable or unwilling to see the larger implications of what they are doing. They do not want “diversity” in their own lives, even though they support “diversity” policies for the entire country. Eventually, there

will be no escape. The inability of whites to see what they are doing is tragic, unaccountable blindness.

What do you think about descendants of those who have been enslaved by the Atlantic Slave Trade who have sought financial reparations for slavery?

Blacks living in the United States are much better off than the blacks who stayed in Africa, so there is some question about the logic of demanding reparations for a process that has left them better off than they would have been without it. If there were to be reparations for slavery, it would presumably be paid by the United States government, but the government never owned a single slave. Slavery was a private institution regulated by the states.

What about private rather than public compensation? There is no legal theory that requires succeeding generations to pay for historical offenses. Even if my grandfather murdered your grandfather, I owe you no compensation. Murder is worse than slavery, and if the descendents of murderers owe no compensation to the descendents of murder victims, I see no basis for private compensation for slavery. If the descendant of a slave owner wants to find the descendents of the slaves and give them money, he is free to do so, but I have never heard of even the most liberal white person doing that.

How do you view the Islamic world's view of Western culture?

Islam has a dualistic view of the world: There are Muslims and Kaffirs, or Unbelievers, and the goal of all Muslims should be to convert all Kaffirs to Islam. In the Koran there is also a dual code of morality: Fellow Muslims must be treated fairly but Kaffirs can be mistreated and even killed.

Obviously, there are varying degrees of fanaticism among Muslims, and by no means are all of them committed to killing or forcibly converting Unbelievers. However, I cannot take a positive view of a religion that wants to dominate the world. Non-Muslim countries would be entirely justified in refusing to accept immigrants from any Muslim country.

Do you think white people will become minority?

White people are already a minority, and their proportion of the world population is declining rapidly. In 1900, the population of Europe was three times that of Africa; by 2050, just 150 years later, the population of Africa will be three times greater than that of Europe. It is precisely because whites are a dwindling percentage of the world population that they *must* have territory where they are the unquestioned and permanent majority. Unless they guarantee territories of this kind for themselves and their descendents, whites face oblivion.

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