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# IDENTITY AND BELONGING

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# *The* MEASURE *of* CIVILIZATION

*How Social Development Decides the Fate of Nations*



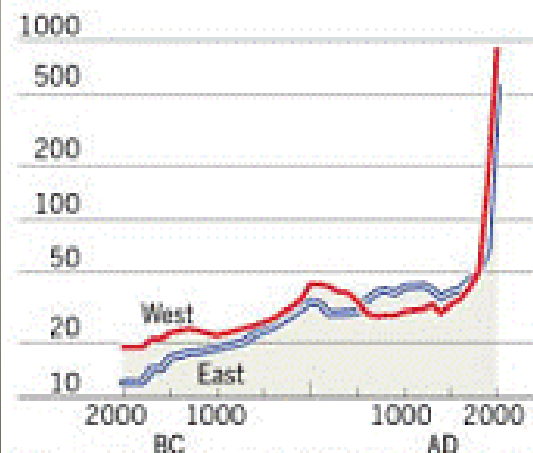
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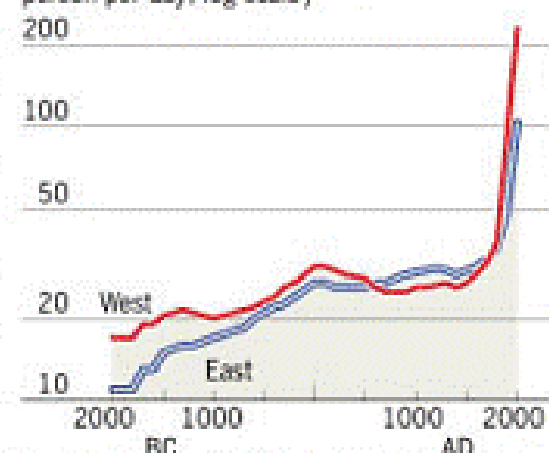
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## West and east

Social development scores (log scale)



Energy capture (kilocalories per person per day, log scale)



Source: Ian Morris - *Why the West Rules—for Now* (Profile, 2010), [www.ianmorris.org](http://www.ianmorris.org); IEA; Thomson Reuters Datastream

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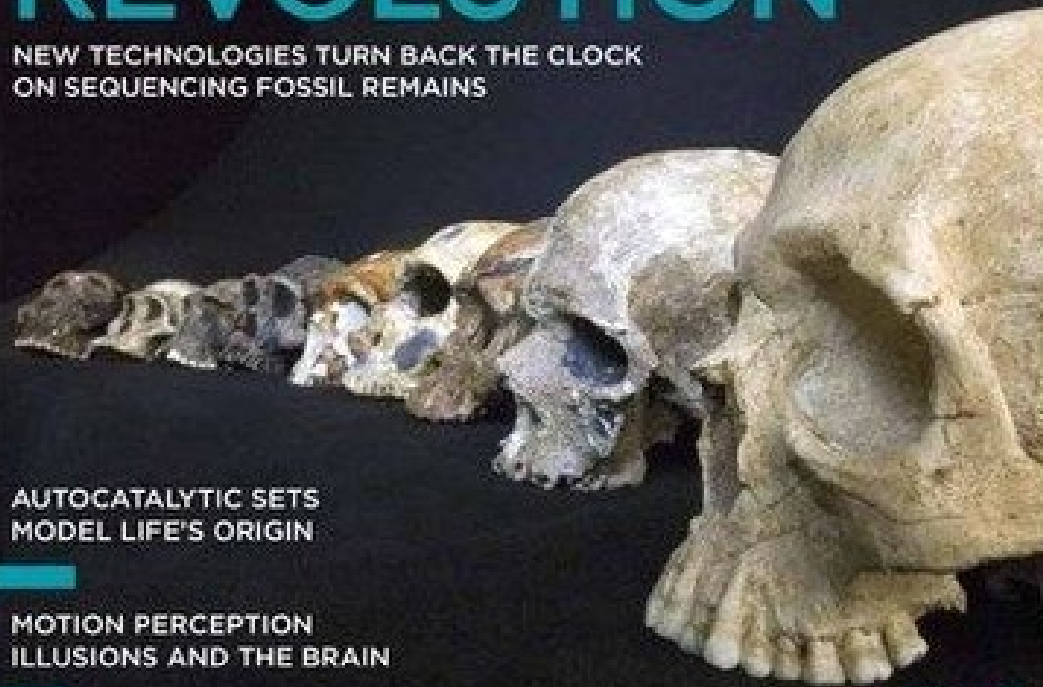
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ANTHROPOLOGY

## The origin and legacy of the Etruscans through a 2000-year archeogenomic time transect

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The origin, development, and legacy of the enigmatic Etruscan civilization from the central region of the Italian peninsula known as Etruria have been debated for centuries. Here we report a genomic time transect of 82 individuals spanning almost two millennia (800 BCE to 1000 CE) across Etruria and southern Italy. During the Iron Age, we detect a component of Indo-European-associated steppe ancestry and the lack of recent Anatolian-related admixture among the putative non-Indo-European-speaking Etruscans. Despite comprising diverse individuals of central European, northern African, and Near Eastern ancestry, the local gene pool is largely maintained across the first millennium BCE. This drastically changes during the Roman Imperial period where we report an abrupt population-wide shift to ~50% admixture with eastern Mediterranean ancestry. Last, we identify

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ANCIENT GENOMICS

## Ancient Rome: A genetic crossroads of Europe and the Mediterranean

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Ancient Rome was the capital of an empire of ~70 million inhabitants, but little is known about the genetics of ancient Romans. Here we present 127 genomes from 29 archaeological sites in and around Rome, spanning the past 12,000 years. We observe two major prehistoric ancestry transitions: one with the introduction of farming and another prior to the Iron Age. By the founding of Rome, the genetic composition of the region approximated that of modern Mediterranean populations. During the Imperial period, Rome's population received net immigration from the Near East, followed by an increase in genetic contributions from Europe. These ancestry shifts mirrored the geopolitical affiliations of Rome and were accompanied by marked interindividual diversity, reflecting gene flow from across the Mediterranean, Europe, and North Africa.

age (range 0.4 to 4.0x; table S2) and analyzed the data jointly with published ancient and modern genomes using principal component analysis (PCA), ADMIXTURE (8), *f*-statistics (9), and *qpAdm* admixture modeling (10) on pseudo-haploid genotypes; and ChromoPainter (11) on imputed diploid genotypes.

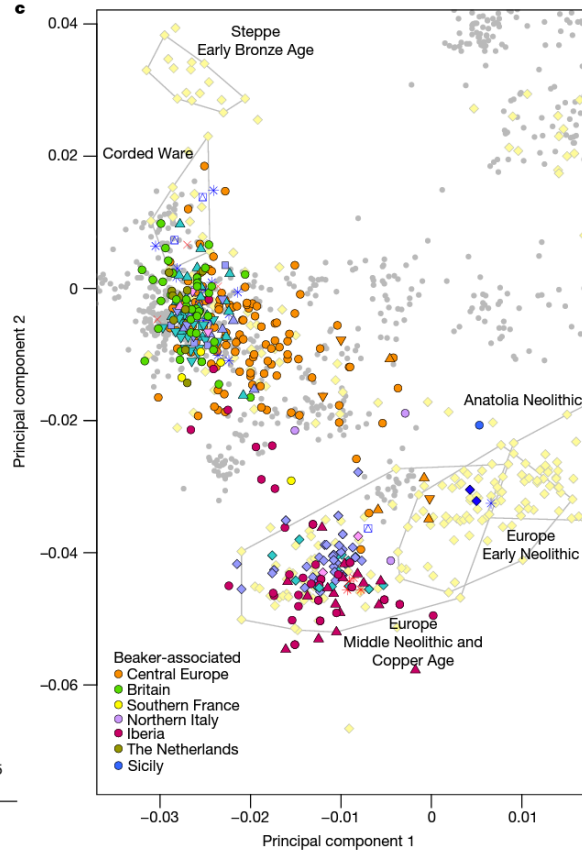
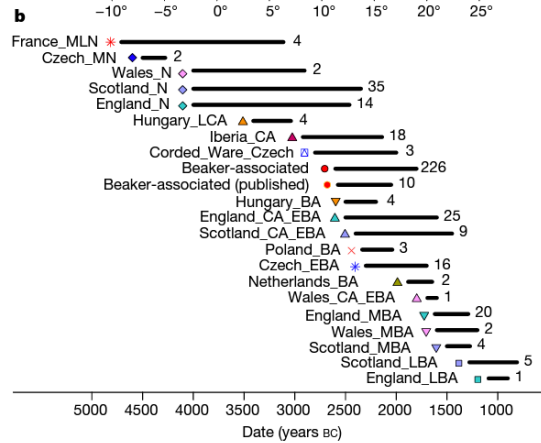
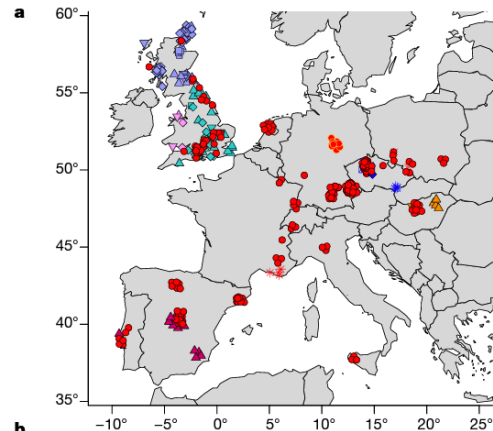
Individuals in this time series fall into three distinct genetic clusters according to chronology, as illustrated by PCA and ADMIXTURE (Fig. 2): (i) Mesolithic hunter-gatherers; (ii) early farmers (Neolithic and Copper Age individuals); and (iii) a broad historic cluster encompassing individuals from the Iron Age to the present. The historic individuals approximate modern Mediterranean and European populations in PCA space. However, there are highly variable ancestries among the historic individuals, both within and across time periods (Figs. 2 and 3).

### The Mesolithic

The oldest genomes in our dataset are from three Mesolithic hunter-gatherers (10,000 to 7,000 BCE) from Grotta Continenza, a cave in the Apennine Mountains. In PCA, these individuals project close to Western hunter-gatherers (WHG) from elsewhere in Europe, including those from the Villabruna cave in northern Italy and from Grotta d'Oriente in Sicily (12–15)

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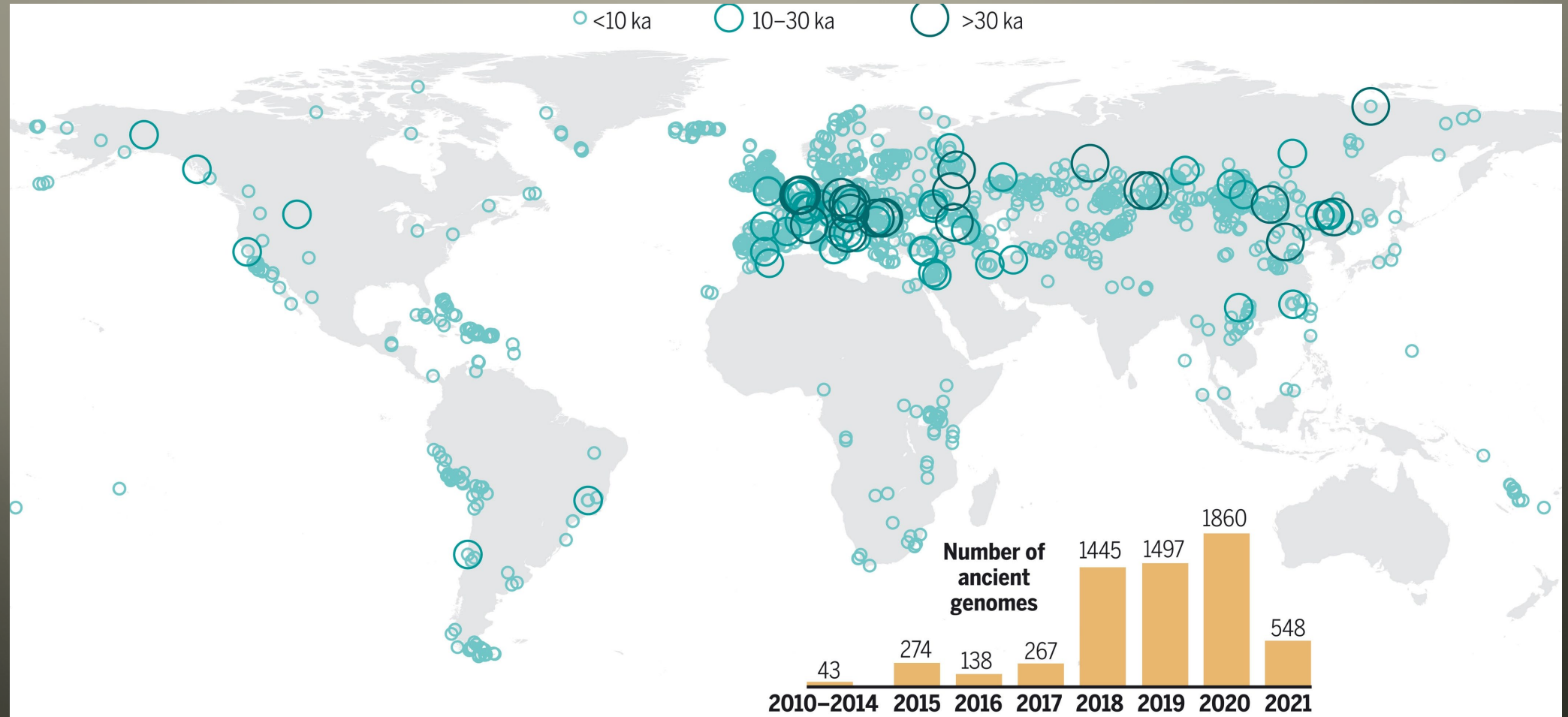
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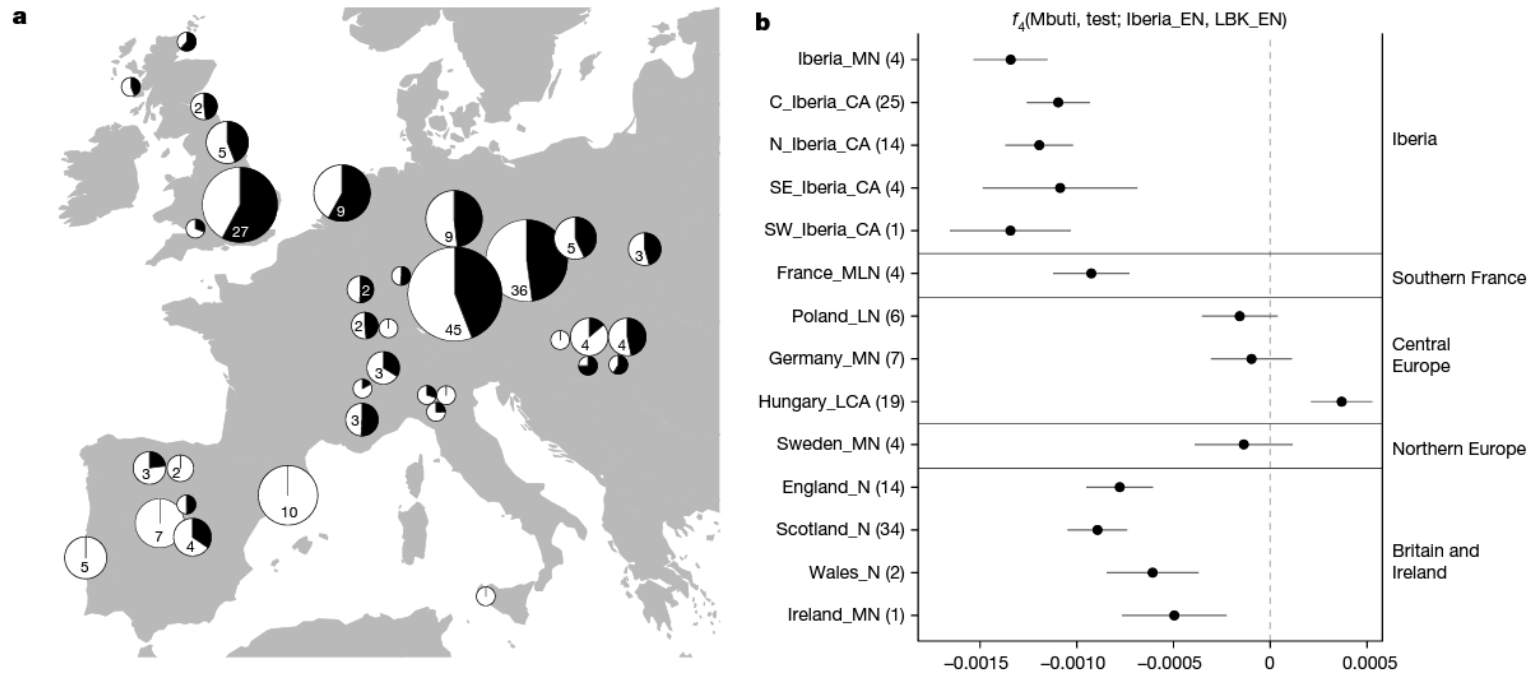
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# BELL BEAKER: CULTURAL VERSUS ETHNIC IDENTITY

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**Figure 2 | Investigating the genetic makeup of Beaker-complex-associated individuals. a,** Proportion of steppe-related ancestry (in black)

LBK\_EN) computed for European populations (number of individuals for each group is given in parentheses) before the emergence of the Beaker

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3. Relate research to current societal issues
4. Train the next generation