

Philosophy 3334 Fall 2023
Reading questions #14
Due Thu, Nov 16

1) Read Harden chapter 7 (at least the first 6.5 pages). Both Sober and Harden mention a famous thought experiment created by Christopher (Sandy) Jencks in his 1972 book *Inequality: A Reassessment of the Effect of the Family and Schooling in America*. In one part of this thought experiment we assume that red haired children are not allowed to go to school. Assume that there are genes associated with red hair and assume that going to school is associated with higher IQ.

Now, explain what the point of this example is. What would happen if we did a heritability study (or GWAS study) on IQ?

If the question is 'do these genes cause low IQ' what does Sober say the answer is? What does Harden say? What do you say?

2) After reading the chapter, come up with a question that you want answered or a topic that you would like to be discussed. This could be something that the chapters forced you think about or it could be something that you thought was particularly confusing in the chapters.