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Abstract

This is a study of secular score gains in South Africa. The findings are based on representative samples from datasets utilized in norm studies of popular mainstream intelligence batteries such as the WAIS as well as widely used test batteries which were locally developed and normed in South Africa. Flynn effects were computed in three ways. First, studies where two different groups take the same test, with several years in between, using representative or comparable samples were used. Second, studies where the same group takes two different test batteries at a specific time were used. Third, the score differences between English- and Afrikaans-speaking Whites in South Africa in the 20th century were compared. The Flynn effect in White groups in South Africa is somewhat smaller than the Flynn effect in Western, industrialized countries (total N = 17,522), and the Flynn effect in Indian groups is substantially smaller (total N = 5,182). Non-verbal IQ scores surpassed increases in verbal IQ scores. The findings from English- and Afrikaans-speaking Whites evidence a leveling out of differences in score gains over the 20th century (total N = 79,310).

Keywords: Flynn effect; secular score gains; *g*; IQ tests; intelligence; South Africa

Secular score gains in IQ test scores are one of the most intriguing and controversial findings in the recent psychology research literature. James Flynn (1984, 1987) was the first to show that average scores on intelligence tests are rising substantially and consistently, all over the world. These gains have been going on for the better part of a century – essentially ever since standardized tests were developed. Although Flynn effects have been shown for many countries, as yet, little has been done on the Flynn effect in South Africa. This paper is the first to exhaustively describe the Flynn effect in South Africa.

The Flynn effect refers to the increase in IQ scores over time. For Western, industrialized countries, between 1930 and 1990 the gain on standard broad-spectrum IQ tests averaged three IQ points per decade. This trend has continued to the present day in the United States (Flynn, 2007, 2009a). In the United Kingdom, gains on the Raven's Progressive Matrices are still robust except oddly, at ages 13 to 15, an exception confirmed by Piagetian data (Flynn, 2009b; Shayer, Ginsburg & Coe, 2007). It is a global phenomenon and has been recorded for a number of industrialized and non-industrialiszed nations including countries in Africa (Flynn, 2006). For verbal tests, or more precisely, tests with a content that most reflects the traditional classroom subject matter, the gain is 2 IQ points per decade, and for non-verbal (Fluid and Visual) tests the gain is 4 IQ points per decade (Jensen, 1998).

Recently, however, studies from Denmark, Norway, and Britain show the secular gains have stopped and even suggest a decline of IQ scores (Lynn, 2009a; Shayer et al., 2007; Sundet, Barlaug & Torjussen, 2004; Teasdale & Owen, 2008). However, there is also recent evidence of IQ test scores continuing to rise in Western, industrialized countries (e.g. in France, see Bradmetz & Mathy, 2006) and in countries in the former communist Eastern Europe (e.g. in Estonia, see Must, te Nijenhuis, Must & van Vianen, 2009). Recent studies show IQ scores rising in less-developed parts of the world, for example in Kenya (Daley, Whaley, Sigman, Espinosa & Neumann, 2003), Sudan (Khaleefa, Abdelwahid, Abdulradi & Lynn, 2008) and in the Caribbean (Meisenberg, Lawless, Lambert & Newton, 2006). However, there is, to this date, only one study of the Flynn effect in South Africa (Richter, Griesel & Wortley, 1989).

Various causes have been hypothesized for the Flynn effect, including education, nutrition, health care, inbreeding, GDP, urbanization, family size, health care expenditure, the dissemination of visual-spatial toys, and teacher to student ratio (see Jensen, 1998). It is difficult to conclude what the most important cause is, as many of the effects take place at the same time and show similar

trends.

Racial classification and segregation in education in South Africa

The four racial groups currently classified in the country are Black, White, Colored, and Indian. The latest South African Government statistics (2007 mid-year) reveal a total populace of 47,850,700 of which Blacks account for 79.6%; Whites account for 9.1%; Coloreds account for 8.9% and Indian/Asian account for 2.5%. Whites are of European descent and a distinction is made between Afrikaans- and English-speaking Whites. About 60% of the White population of South-Africa are Afrikaans-speakers. The Afrikaans-speaking are chiefly descendant from the French Huguenots and Dutch peoples. Historically their social development sprang from an impoverished rural base (Claassen, 1997). In 1946 the per capita income of Afrikaans-speaking Whites was 47% of that of the English-speaking Whites; in 1960 it was 60%, and in 1976 it was 71%. About 40% of the Whites are English-speaking and traditionally they completed more years of secondary and tertiary schooling, but this has changed through the years from the early twentieth century and both English- and Afrikaans-speaking Whites are more or less on a par (Claassen, 1997). The increase in number of years of education through the years has been hypothesized to partly account for the increases evidenced in IQ scores for the latter group (Claassen, 1997; see also Ceci [1991] and Jensen [1998]). Coloreds are of mixed racial origin spanning numerous countries outside Africa but having substantial genetic Southern African ancestry (some Coloreds are of Bantu-Khoisan descent). This term does not have the same meaning as the American term 'Colored'. In South Africa it does not refer to a Black person. The reason for the presence of Indian populations is that in the nineteenth century the European colonists needed laborers for manual work of various kinds. Indians were brought over from the 1860s onwards principally to work in the sugar and cotton plantations in Natal. It must be recalled that during the Apartheid era, national education was decentralized regarding access to equal opportunities and resources. Education for Black school children was by and large severely below the White counterpart standards (Shuttleworth-Edwards, Kemp, Rust, Muirhead, Hartman & Radloff, 2004). Difference in schooling is also reflected in the difference between White and non-White access to higher education (see Tables 1 and 2).

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IQ testing and group differences in South Africa

During the early part of the 20th century South African test developers utilized existing international test batteries as their main source of test information usually derived from the Binet type individual test and the Army Beta group test (Fick, 1929, 1939). As early as 1916, the Moll-Leipoldt Scales had been compiled, initially under the name 'Binet-Simon-Goddard-Healy-Knox Scale' with a group intelligence test being released in 1924 at the University of Stellenbosch (Smit, 1996). Through the intervening years (1924-2008) a number of international tests were utilized and/or standardized for local South African conditions. South African-developed tests include, among others, the South African Group Intelligence Test (SAGIT), and the Individual Scale of General intelligence for SA (ISGIS). The testing tradition in South Africa thus reflects an amalgamation of original uniquely developed and normed tests as well as normed and locally standardized international tests (Huysamen, 1996).

South African literature has shown for many decades that substantial differences in test scores between various cultural and language groups exist (Biesheuvel & Liddicoat, 1959; Claassen, Krynauw, Paterson & wa ga Mathe, 2001; Dent, 1949; Fick, 1929; Foxcroft & Aston, 2006; Irvine, 1969; Knoetze, Bass & Steele, 2005; Rushton, 2001; Rushton & Skuy, 2000; van der Berg, 1989; Verster & Prinsloo, 1988). Whites outscore non-Whites, and within the White group English-speakers outscore Afrikaans-speakers. However, it has also been long known and cited that socio-economic status, educational attainment, language bias, socio-political circumstances, and test familiarity play a role in the depressed scores of certain groups even though any one of these factors cannot be solely accountable for group differences (Biesheuvel, 1952a,b; Biesheuvel & Liddicoat, 1959; Crawford-Nutt, 1976, 1977; Furnham, Mkhize & Mndaweni, 2004; Kamin, 2006; Liddicoat & Roberts, 1962; Lynn & Owen, 1994; Owen, 1992; Pressey & Teter, 1919; Rushton, 2008; Shuttleworth-Edwards, Kemp, Rust, Muirhead, Hartman & Radloff, 2004; Skuy, Gewer, Osrin, Khunou, Fridjhon & Rushton, 2002; van der Berg, 1989; van Eeeden, de Beer & Coetzee, 2001).

Due to its ethnic diversity, the large differences between groups on many variables, the availability of high-quality psychometric tests, and an extensive literature on testing, South Africa seems an almost ideal country to test for secular score gains. However, the unique manner of sampling in post-democracy South Africa resulted in different groups being clustered together such that Whites, Coloreds, Indians, and Blacks are taken as one group reflecting an overall 'South African' IQ score. This manner of sampling was strongly dependent on the SES group to which

individuals were assigned. In contrast, pre-democracy South African sampling often stratified the samples according to different race groups such that separate IQ scores were available for the different groups. Added to this mélange of sampling mixes were group clusters of Whites and Coloreds, Indians and Blacks, or Whites and Indians. This makes it difficult to impossible to disentangle the different groups' separate scores, which has as a consequence that notwithstanding the wealth of South African data, only a small percentage could be used in the present analyses of secular score gains. More specifically, due to the absence of good datasets on Black South Africans our study was limited to Indian and White South Africans.

Research questions

The first research question is whether the secular gains of White South Africans is comparable to that found in Western, industrialized countries. The second research question focuses on the size of the secular gain for Indian South Africans. The third question is how the differences between English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking White South Africans compare in the 20th century.

Our study hereby substantially extends the nomological net of studies of secular score gains. Its unique feature is the comparison of two White groups, over the course of a century, living in the same country.

METHOD

Data gathering

The critera for inclusion of data sets was that they have adequate sample sizes, be adequately representative of the the samples, and use reliable and valid psychometric tools. Data sets were gathered from library archives, publications in the literature, test libraries, university libraries as well as closed collections. Invariably some data sets were more complete than others. With some very early data sets information delineated is at times less consistent to later manners of information presentation; however, they still contain enough information for use in the present study. There is no one single test repository in South Africa. Moreover, the Human Science Research Council's test library has been disbanded making it difficult to gain access to the collection of manuals. Searchable South African data archives such as Sabinet yielded part of our database of results. Manuals from test libraries housed at some universities in South Africa were also searched by two of the authors. A number of published articles, from which data was sourced, are only available in hard-copy format and in some instances can only be found in South Africa. Some results were sourced from postgraduate dissertations and are only available in Afrikaans. Other data sets were sourced from internationally indexed research. Although we did not aim to find every last relevant study, within the restrictions described above, we believe our search was exhaustive.

Tests

A brief review of all tests used in the computation of a Flynn effect is given in Tables 3 and 4. The tests are listed chronologically and according to date of data gathering. Older material was less researched and information in terms of sample descriptions is limited in certain instances. The subtests included in the individual and group tests listed here resemble those included in international batteries commonly used.

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Samples

In total 12 test batteries were sourced. The database was subdivided into 87 sets of data which were subsequently analyzed for use in the study but not all were ultimately utilized due to missing data or data that could simply not be compared over the years due to the nature of the sampling (early sampling according to race as opposed to later sampling according to SES, as described earlier). The data sets used for this paper contain IQ scores gathered between 1925 – 2000 and are composed of samples of individuals born between 1890 and 1985. Sample sizes range from 24 to 40,000 depending on the nature of the assessment (small-scale research or standardization).

Statistical analyses

Computation of the secular score gains

In this paper three methods of computing secular gain scores were used.

1) The first method was used in Flynn (1987). A comparison was made between the outcomes from studies using the same test in different groups, with at least five years in between, in all cases using representative or comparable samples (i.e. in terms of age, population group, etc.). For instance, the Raven's Progressive Matrices was taken in both 1960 and 2000 by samples of comparable groups. The score increase is an estimate of the Flynn effect.

2) The second method was used in Flynn (1984). In studies where the same group took two different test batteries the resulting means were compared. There had to be at least four years between the norm samples of the two tests. These samples need not be representative. For instance, one group took both the SSAIS-R (1987) and the NSAGT (1954). For instance, if the same group of subjects took the NSAGT – normed in 1954 – and the SSAIS-R – normed in 1987 – they should score higher on the earlier test, the NSAGT. The group's raw score on the NSAGT should be compared to the norm scores of the NSAGT from 1954, which might result in a score of 107. The group's raw score on the SSAIS-R should be compared to the norm scores of the SSAIS-R from 1987, which might result in a score of 101. The difference between their mean scores on the two tests serves as a measure of the magnitude of gains, that is, scoring 107 on the earlier test and 101 on the later test suggests a gain of 6 IQ points in 33 years.

3) Using data going back to people born in the 1890s Verster and Prinsloo (1988) and Claassen (1997) describe how the English-speaking outscore the Afrikaans-speaking and how the erstwhile large gap diminished within four of five generations. Many of the studies they cite used carefully collected, representative samples. Although the aforementioned authors' results were not used by

them to test the Flynn effect, these data can be used to estimate the size of the Flynn effect for the Afrikaans-speaking group. We use a three-step procedure: first, from people born in 1890 to people being born in 1985 the English-speaking means are compared with the Afrikaans-speaking means; second, using the results from the two estimation methods described above gives a clear estimate of the score gains for the English-speakers; third, combining the gains from the first step and the second step results in an estimate of the score gains for the Afrikaans-speaking.

So, in a sense the scores of the English-speaking are used as a yardstick, albeit that the yardstick is not disconnected from the Flynn effect. Another way to look at it, is to think of how the Afrikaans-speaking catch up, by comparing their scores with the English-speaking from people being born in 1890 to people being born in 1985.

RESULTS

Table 5 shows the studies where two different but comparable groups took the same test, with several years in between, using representative or comparable samples. The gain per decade for Whites is on average 1.64 IQ points.

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Table 6 lists the studies where the same group took two different test batteries at a specific time. The gain per decade for Whites is on average 3.51 IQ points. The gain per decade for Indians is on average 1.57 IQ points. There is a difference in the gains between the two methods (Tables 5 and 6). However, it does not seem to be a function of the method but rather of the tests compared (for example, the very large gains when the JSAIS is used). As can be seen from Table 6, a wider range of tests was used to calculate the gain score and in comparison to Table 5, the time span is longer, and also more studies are used which should lead to more reliable results. High gain scores are evidenced for the NB, JSAIS, SSAIS, and GSAT batteries. The time span covered by these batteries is however shorter than the corresponding lower gain scores evidenced for batteries covering a longer time span. When looking at these results it should be borne in mind that the methodology used, the test battery used, the number of studies and the time span covered all play a role in interpreting the final gain score and hence putting it into context. So, although we see relatively large gain scores for some of the batteries, there is also a loss of score for a small numer

of others.

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Table 7 shows the results when the mean gains per decade by group from Tables 5 and 6 are combined. The following figures emerge: The gain per decade for Whites is on average 2.57 IQ points, and the gain per decade for Indians is 1.57 points. On average, the gain score for Whites is somewhat lower than the three points that have been reported in the literature for other industrialized countries (Flynn, 2007). It should be noted that most of the broad test batteries used in the South African samples are similar in content to those in the many other studies on the Flynn effect. The gain for Indians was substantially smaller than the gain for Whites.

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Differences between English- and Afrikaans-speaking sample throughout the decades were also compared. Early studies delineated the language groups strictly according to home language spoken among Whites only whereas the later studies included all cultural groups whose first language was English or Afrikaans. The trend for distinct differences between cultural groups thus becomes distorted. The earliest data detailing English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking differences emanates from the 1950s with a study utilizing the South African Group Test with normed data gathered in 1931 (Smit, 1996; Verster & Prinsloo, 1988). Data from this point forward consistently evidenced a substantial discrepancy between the language groups with higher IQ's being established for the English-speaking groups.

Table 8 shows the score differences between the two groups. The table is ordered according to date of sample collection. Figure 1 reports the same data points and clearly shows how the groups are slowly converging in their mean scores. Score differences are computed as: mean of the English-speaking group minus the mean of the Afrikaans-speaking group. A positive score difference means therefore that the English-speaking group has a higher mean score, and a negative score means that the Afrikaans-speaking group has a higher mean score.

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Figure 1 clearly shows that when using only robust datasets the huge score gap between Afrikaans speakers and English speakers strongly diminishes over the run of a century. Figure 2 shows that when using all the samples the overall picture is very much the same, with the exception of a few outliers. So, the quality of the datasets does not seem to strongly influence the conclusions. This means that the secular score gain is stronger for the Afrikaans speakers than for the English speakers.

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We also investigated the IQ score increases at the subtest level for the group for which we had data available, in this case for Whites. Table 9 uses the data sets of Table 5 and Table 10 uses data of Table 6, but unfortunately, not all studies report information at the subtest level. It can be clearly seen that non-verbal IQ scores have increased more so than verbal IQ scores and this is in keeping with the literature (Flynn, 2007; Jensen, 1998).

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Table 11 shows the results when the mean gains per decade from Tables 9 and 10 are combined. The verbal IQ gain per decade for Whites is on average 2.28 IQ points, and the non-verbal gain per decade is 4 IQ points.

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CONCLUSION

A Flynn effect could be identified for all our South African data. There are clear gains per decade of about two-and-a-half IQ points for Whites and about one-and-a-half IQ point for Indians. In comparison to Whites in Europe and the United States, the Whites in South Africa show a somewhat smaller gain. As a group, White South Africans are quite westernized, so one could hypothesize that this explains a gain that comes close to that found in Western, industrialized

countries. Greater gains are evidenced for non-verbal IQ scores as opposed to verbal IQ scores for the Whites, which is comparable to previous findings.

A special feature of the present paper is a comparison of test scores of Afrikaans- and English-speakers, starting with people born in 1896 and ending with people born in 1977. Over the course of approximately a century the large difference of about one *SD* in favor of English speakers diminishes by about three quarters. So, the group as a whole has a clear Flynn effect, but the effect is larger for the Afrikaans-speaking group. One could speculate that the diminishing gap between the Afrikaans- and English-speaking South Africans is driven partly by education and the diminishing gap in GDP between the two groups. However, there is no way to definitively prove this as trends in these two hypothesized causes and other hypothesized causes occur at the same time.

A number of samples are not perfectly comparable over the decades because of the demographic exclusion and inclusion criteria. In the early data sets, for instance, only Whites were included whereeas in the newer data sets, the term 'advantaged' signaled SES and not a racial classification. However, it seems that the estimates of the Flynn effect are quite comparable over the various samples, taking the very large differences in sample size into account. In addition, the focus in this particular article highlights the results of Afrikaans-speaking versus English-speaking South Africans and does not reflect the full spread of the demographics in the country. Due to the questionable nature of some of the Black IQ data sets investigated for this research (sample collection not always being explicitly stated) a major limitation of this paper is the lack of an estimate of the Flynn effect for the largest population group in the country.

When looking at these results it should be borne in mind that the methodology used, the test battery used, the number of studies and the time span covered all play a role in interpreting the final gain score and hence putting it into context. Variables could be dummy-coded and regression analyses could be run, but we feel the datasets are too small to yield reliable outcomes. It would be much preferable to add our data to a future meta-analysis and then run these analyses.

Table 1 Number of pupils in public and private schools 1921-1958 and 2007

(Department of Education, South Africa, 2008)

Year	**White**	**Non-White (Black, Colored and Indian)**
1921	337483 (white population in 1921 =1521000) (22% of white pop)	253958 (non white population in 1921 = 5405000) (4.6% of non white pop)
1935	392851	519900
1945	444158	838750
1958	659940	1726485
2007*	3193883 (white population in 2007 = 4351000) (73% of white pop)	33323137 (non white population in 2007 = 43499000) (76% of non white population)

Note. *using Grade 12 certificate as cut-off

Table 2 Headcount enrolments of contact and distance mode students in public higher education institutions. By population group and gender, in 2006 (Department of Education, South Africa, 2008)

	Contact							Distance						
	Black	Colored	Indian/Asian	White	Total	Female	Male	Black	Colored	Indian/Asian	White	Total	Female	Male
Institution Total	287878	33497	30946	122694	476741	255706	221035	163230	15041	23913	61974	264642	153012	111630
%	60	7	6	26	100	54	46	62	6	9	23	100	58	42

Table 3

South-African test batteries used in the present study, full names, dates of issue of test manual, and date the standardization sample was collected

Test battery	**Full name**	**Date****		**Age groups**	**Norm groups**
		manual	*stand. sample*		
OSAIS	The individual scale of the National Bureau for Educational Research (Old South African Individual Scale); released in 1937 and partly based on the Stanford-Binet Scale of 1916	1939	1937		
NSAIS also named SSAIS	The New South African Individual Scales or Senior South African Individual Scale	1964/1970 name change 1980	1962	5-17	1,590 Afrikaans-speaking White and 812 English-speaking White children
SSAIS-R	Senior South African Individual Scale-Revised	1991	1987	7 y-16y 11 mo	2,000 White, 2,000 Colored and 2,000 Indian
SAGIT	South African Group Intelligence Test	1933*	1931	10-16	Forms A1 and A2 for Afrikaans-speakers; forms E1 and E2 for English-speakers
OMHIS	Official Mental Hygiene Individual Scale	1929	1927		1,500 randomly selected from a population of 10,000 pupils

ISGIS	Individual Scale of General intelligence for SA	1939	1937*		
JSAIS	Junior South African Individual Scale	1979	1976	3-7	1,795 stratified sample
GTISA junior	Group Test for Indian South Africans	1968	1966		Standardized on Indian pupils
GTISA intermediate	Group Test for Indian South Africans	1983	1981		Standardized on Indian pupils
GSAT junior	General Scholastic Aptitude Test	1990	1989	9y0m-11y11m	Rrepresentative of the White, Colored, and Indian populations
GSAT intermediate	General Scholastic Aptitude Test	1987	1984	11y0m-14y11m	Rrepresentative of the White, Colored, and Indian populations
GSAT senior	General Scholastic Aptitude Test	1991	1989	14y0m - 18y6m	Rrepresentative of the White, Colored, and Indian populations
NSAGT junior	New South African Group Test	1965	1951-1956; 1965		Standardized on White school children
NSAGT intermediate	New South African Group Test	1963	1951-1956; 1963		Standardized on White school children
NSAGT senior	New South African Group Test	1965	1951-1956; 1965		Standardized on White school children
NB Group Test junior	National Bureau Group Test for White pupils	1974	1972*	11-13	

NB Group Test intermediate	National Bureau Group Test	1974	1970	13-15	A stratified norm group of 3,123 white pupils
NB Group Test senior	National Bureau Group Test	1974	1971	15-17	2,581 white pupils
NB Group Test 5/6 and 7/8	National Bureau Group Test for 5 and 6 year olds	1960 and the 7/8 year olds 1982 and renormed 1993	1960	5-8	A stratified random sample of 3,705
JAT	Junior Aptitude Test	1961/1975	1972*	12-16	Standardized on White school children
CPI	Cape Province Individual Scale for Afrikaans-speakers	1929	1925-1927	8-17	Afrikaans-speakers in the Cape
ISGSA	The Individual Scale for General Scholastic Aptitude	1998	1991-1992	4-16	3,099 White and Colored pupils. Weighting was used to ensure proportional representation of education departments

table continued

Note. ** Dates refer to date of testing (manual dates differ widely in terms of reprints)

* = year estimated. When the date at which standardization was carried out is not given, it was assumed to have taken place two years before the date of publication. When the collection of the standardization sample took two years we rounded off to the earliest year, when the collection took three years we took the year in the middle, and when it took four years we took as the date the second year. In older texts the SSAIS is also referred to as the NSAIS (New South African Individual Scale).

Table 4

International test batteries standardized in South Africa and used in the present study, full names, dates of issue of test manual, and date the standardization sample was collected

Test battery	**Full name**	**Date****		**Age group**	**Norm group**
		manual	stand. sample		
SAWAIS	South African Wechsler-Bellevue Adult intelligence Scale	1962	1958	18-59	2,761 volunteers
WAIS III	Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale III	2001	1998	16-69	1,300; all four race groups (25% from each group)
Griffiths	Griffiths Mental Development Scales (translated)	1986	1970*		

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Table 5 Comparable White groups taking the same test with several years in between by test battery

Test	Year born	Year sample	Gap	IQ score	Gain pd
NSAGT Senior (1951-1956) 1953 (Verster & Prinsloo in Irvine & Berry, 1988)	1952	1965	12 years	103.04	2.53
NSAGT Junior (1951-1956) 1953 (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	1971-1980	1987	34 years	106.59	1.94
NSAGT Intermediate (1951-1956) 1953 (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	1971-1980	1987	34 years	109.03	2.66
NSAGT Senior (1951-1956) 1953 (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	1971-1980	1987	34 years	105.25	1.54
NSAGT Senior (1951-1956) 1953 (Claassen, 1983)	1968	1981	28 years	98.75	-.47

Table 6 Same groups taking different tests at a specific time

Test	Global IQ scores	Gap	Gain per decade
Sample of Whites tested in 1987 aged 7-16 born 1971-1980			
NSAGT junior (1953) & SSAIS-R (1987) (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	106.59 & 101.59	34 years	1.47
NSAGT intermediate (1953) & SSAIS-R (1987) (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	109.03 & 102.48	34 years	1.92
Sample of Whites tested in 1987 aged 6-14 born 1973-1981			
OSAIS (1937) & JSAIS (1976) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	104.8 & 95.8	39 years	2.3
OSAIS (1937) & SSAIS (1962) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	104.8 & 108.5	25 years	-1.48
SSAIS (1962) & JSAIS (1976) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	108.5 & 95.8	14 years	9
OSAIS (1937) & NB 5/6 (1960) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	104.8 & 107.7	23 years	-1.26
OSAIS (1937) & NB 7/8 (1960) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	104.8 & 109.5	23 years	-2.04
OSAIS (1937) & GSAT Intermediate (1984) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	104.8 & 93.2	47 years	2.46
NB 5/6 (1960) & JSAIS (1976) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	107.7 & 95.8	16 years	7.43
NB 7/8 (1960) & JSAIS (1976) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	109.5 & 95.8	16 years	8.56
SSAIS (1962) & GSAT Intermediate (1984) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	108.5 & 93.2	22 years	6.95
OSAIS (1937) & JSAIS (1976) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	104.8 & 95.8	39 years	2.3
Sample of Whites tested in 1982 aged 3-7 born 1975-1979			
Griffiths (1970) & JSAIS (1976) (Luiz & Heimes in van Eeden, Robinson & Posthuma, 1994)	105.81 & 100.97	6 years	8.07
Sample of Indians tested in 1989 aged 15 born 1973:			
GTISA Junior (1966) & GTISA Intermediate (1981) (Claassen, De Beer, Hugo, & Meyer, 1991).	110.71 & 108.35	15 years	1.57

Table 7

Gains or loss per decade by group using the data from Table 5 and Table 6

Group	Table 5	Table 6	Combined
Whites	1.64	3.51	2.57
Indians		1.57	1.57

Note. When there are two estimates for a group the unweighted average is given in the last column.

Table 8 English and Afrikaans differences ordered by year of publication of study and according to year of birth with positive group differences denoting higher scores for English-speaking

Study	**Average year born**	**Year sample**	**Test**	***N* Afr.**	***N* Eng**	**Diff verbal**	**Diff perf**	**Diff IQ**
Olckers (1950) Φ	1938	1950	S.A. Group Test	630	1,170	n.r.	n.r.	7
Morkel (1950) Φ	Approx 1932	1950	Mental alertness	500	502	n.r.	n.r.	1.8
Biesheuvel & Liddicoat (1959) **	1896	1950	SAWAIS	45	68	14.78	17.04	16
	1901	1950	SAWAIS	110	86	12.71	11.87	12.3
	1906	1950	SAWAIS	138	99	10.32	12.95	11.6
	1911	1950	SAWAIS	175	120	5.95	5.85	5.9
	1916	1950	SAWAIS	226	149	7.39	8.18	7.8
	1921	1950	SAWAIS	222	148	9	8.74	8.9
	1926	1950	SAWAIS	227	152	5.32	8	6.7
	1931	1950	SAWAIS	240	160	6.62	8.76	7.7
	1936	1950	SAWAIS	240	156	7.92	9.21	8.5
Biesheuvel (1952b)	1930? (not stated)	1950	RPM	n.r.	n.r.	7.5		
Langenhoven (1957) Φ	1941? (not stated)	1954	NSAGT	n.r.	99	n.r		
TALENT ** Φ	1952	1965	NSAGT	40,900	21,129	5.17	7.44	6.34

TALENT ** Φ	1952	1965	JAT	40,767	21,083	n.r	n.r.	2.77
TALENT ** Φ	1952	1967	SAT	7,071	4,719	3.18		3.18
Cudeck & Claasen (1983)	1969	1981	NSAGT-G	171	319	n.r.	n.r.	5.0
Claassen (1983)	1968	1981	NSAGT Int.	786	1,266	5.77	-2.4	1.5
Luiz & Heimes (1994); Robinson (1994)	1974	1981	JSAIS	90	32	0.15	2.67	1.24
Claassen (1990)**	1970-1972	1984	GSAT	215	299	4.21	4.05	3.12
GSAT Manual (1990) **	1977	1988	GSAT Junior	1,963	1,635	1.73	3.06	2.52
Van Eeden (1991) **	1970	1987	SSAIS-R	2,967	1,709	5.7	5.1	5.25
Claassen et al. (2001)	1929-1984	1999	WAIS-III	97	70	4.97	1.1	3.04*

table continued

Note. * For the study of Claassen et al. (2001) the difference in IQ was computed as the mean of the difference in verbal and the difference in performance.

** Denotes a representative data set.

Φ Cited in Verster and Prinsloo (1988)

Morkel (1950) does not give the effect size, but reports that the effects are significant, so we conservatively choose a value of 0.05 for the significance coefficient. We computed the effect size, using the formula

$d = \sqrt{f(n1 + n2)/n1xn2)(n1 + n2)/n1 + n2 - 2)}$. $F(1, 1002)$ at $p < 0.05$ yields a value of 3.84 (*f* is based on the two degrees of freedom: sample size and number of groups). Therefore$\sqrt{3.84(0.003992)(1.002)} = 0.12$ *SD*.

W-B = Wechsler Bellevue; NSAGT Int. = NSAGT Intermediate Biesheuvel & Liddicoat (1959) report data separated for males and females, which we combined. On page 49 of Claassen's (1983) document he states that for his sample E, he cannot be sure how representative the sample is, because it is only representative of school-going 13 year olds in urban areas who are White. Therefore we did not use this subsample for our computations.

Table 9 Comparable White groups taking the same test with several years in between by test battery (subtest level)

Test	Year born	Year sample	Gap	VIQ	NV IQ	Vgpd	NVgpd
NSAGT Senior (1951-1956) 1953 (Verster & Prinsloo in Irvine & Berry, 1988)	1952	1965	12 years	102.17	104.52	1.82	3.76
NSAGT Junior (1951-1956) 1953 (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	1971-1980	1987	34 years	104.85	107.75	1.42	2.27
NSAGT Intermediate (1951-1956) 1953 (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	1971-1980	1987	34 years	106.19	110.62	1.82	3.12
NSAGT Senior (1951-1956) 1953 (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	1971-1980	1987	34 years	102.6	107.54	0.76	2.21
NSAGT Senior (1951-1956) 1953 (Claassen, 1983)	1968	1981	28 years	96.76	100.07	-1.15	-

Table 10 Same groups taking different tests at a specific time (subtest level)

Test	VIQ	NVIQ	Gap	Vgpd	NVgpd
Sample of Whites tested in 1987 aged 7-16 born 1971-1980					
NSAGT junior (1953) & SSAIS-R (1987) (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	104.85 & 101.78	107.75 & 100.78	34 years	0.9	2.05
NSAGT intermediate (1953) & SSAIS-R (1987) (van Eeden & Visser, 1992)	106.19 & 102.59	110.62 & 101.54	34 years	1.05	2.67
Sample of Whites tested in 1987 aged 6-14 born 1973-1981					
SSAIS (1962) & JSAIS (1976) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	106.3 & 97.5	109.5 & 96.7	14 years	6.28	9.14
SSAIS (1962) & GSAT Intermediate (1984) (Robinson & Boshoff, 1990)	106.3 & 92.3	109.5 & 94.5	22 years	6.36	6.81

Table 11 Gain or loss per decade for Whites using data from Table 9 and Table 10

Table 9		**Table 10**		**Combined**	
VIQ	*NVIQ*	*VIQ*	*NVIQ*	*VIQ*	*NVIQ*
0.93	2.84	3.64	5.16	2.28	4.00

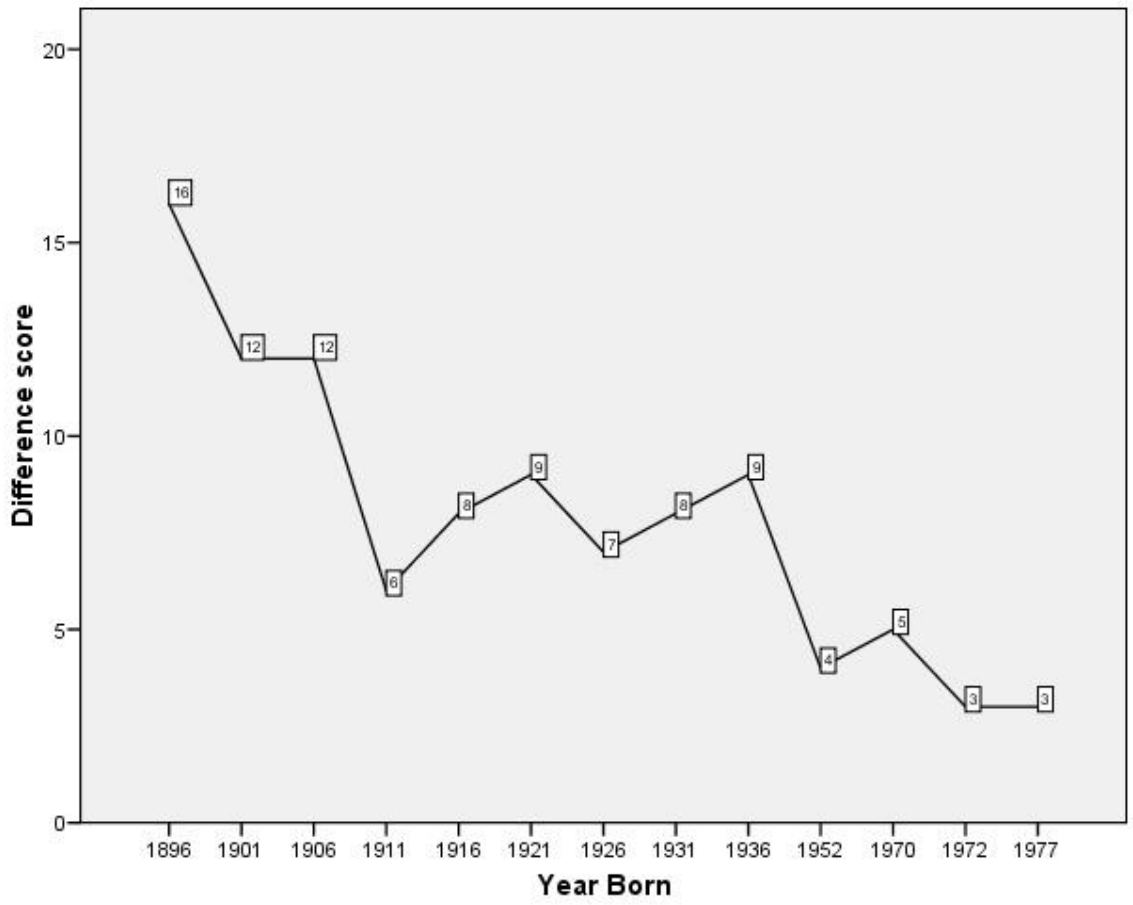


Figure 1

Score differences between English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking South-Africans using only robust data sets samples.

*Note***.** We used all representative datasets: the data from Biesheuvel and Liddicoat (1959); the Talent data for 1952 and 1965 are not independent, so we

choose the data using the NSAGT – a classical IQ test – over the data using the JAT – which is an aptitude test; the NSAGT also has the largest sample size; the Talent data for 1952 and 1967; the data from the GSAT manual Claassen et al (1990) ; the data from Claassen et al (1991); and the data from van Eeden (1991).

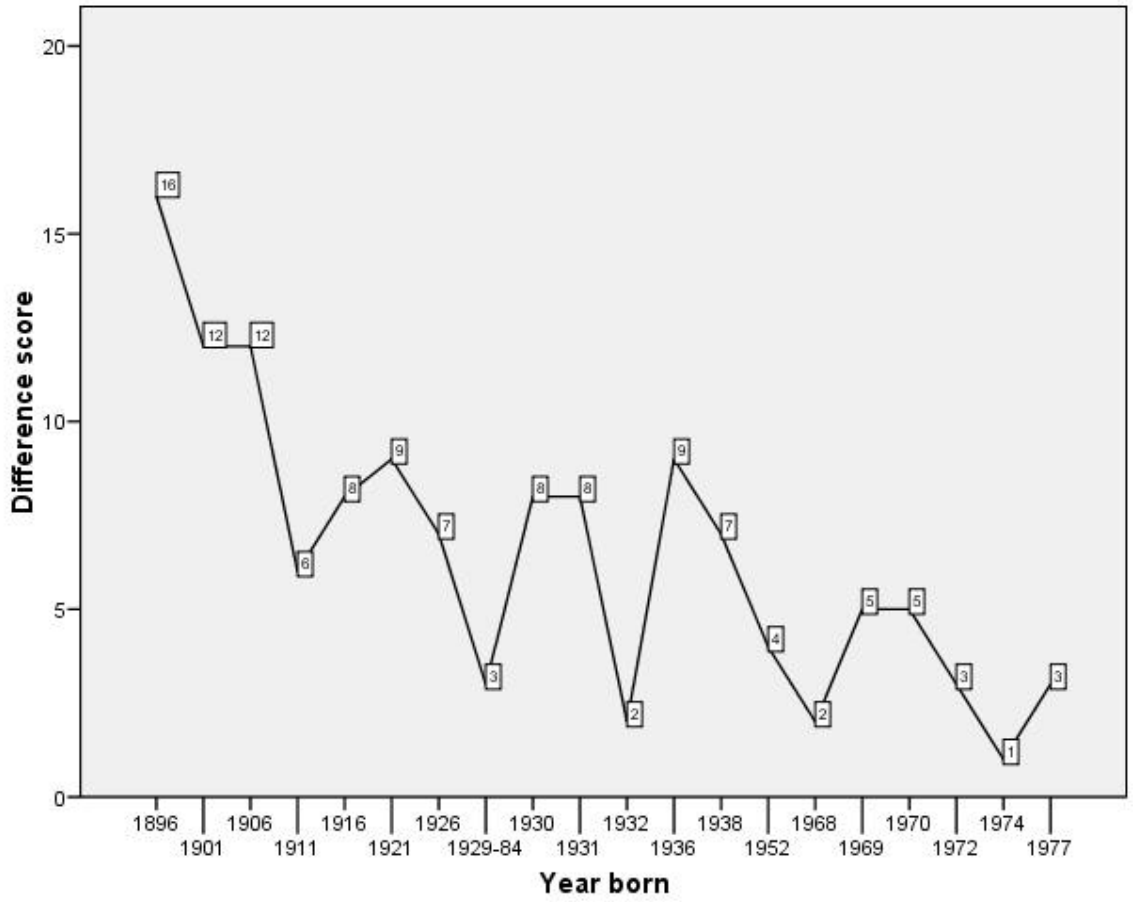


Figure 2

Score differences between English-speaking and Afrikaans-speaking South Africans using all samples

Note. We used all data including data for which we only had information like standard deviations, here-say, and our own averaging out of data where

no full scales were available; in other words everything in the Table above except three data sets (the one outlier; the repeat data set of Biesheuvel and the Claassen et al. set (1990) because the sample was born between 1929-1984 – leading to uncertainty as to which date to take).

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