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Subject: Genographic Project

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I've talked about this before, but I want to mention it again because it is just so darn cool.

On this site

<https://www3.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/>

You can sign up (it costs 100 USD) and send them in a DNA sample and they will tell you the story of your family's journey through time and location.

The lineage traced is paternal (because the mutations they use as markers are paternal ones) and in my case, I found that my Dad's family, (whcih we always thought was 100% Italian) is actually spread all around the Mediterranean with higher percentages in Greece, and among Jews than Italians. We are also significantly represented in Spain and are even in England and Ireland from the Roman times. But the roots (so to speak) of the family, and its highest representation today is in Africa...

Who knew?

It is about the coolest 100 bucks you can spend. It will also teach you the profound difference between our socially-derived concept of race, and how the genetics actually works.

They are radically different...

Highly recommended.

DC

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