

# The Agricultural Origins of Time Preference

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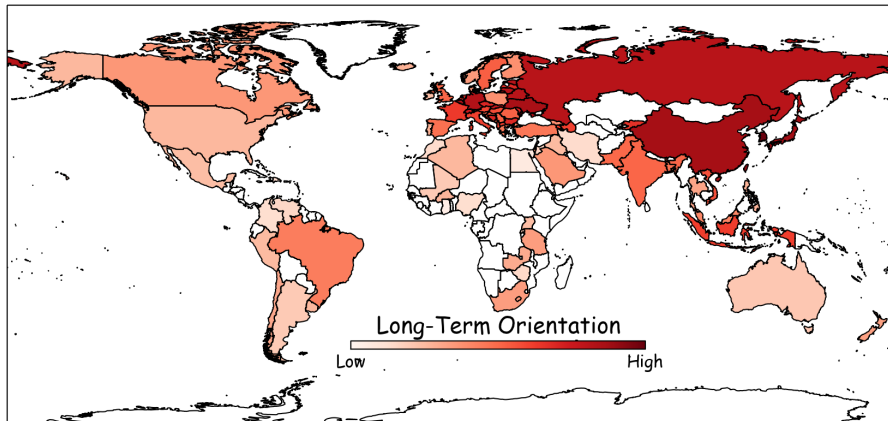
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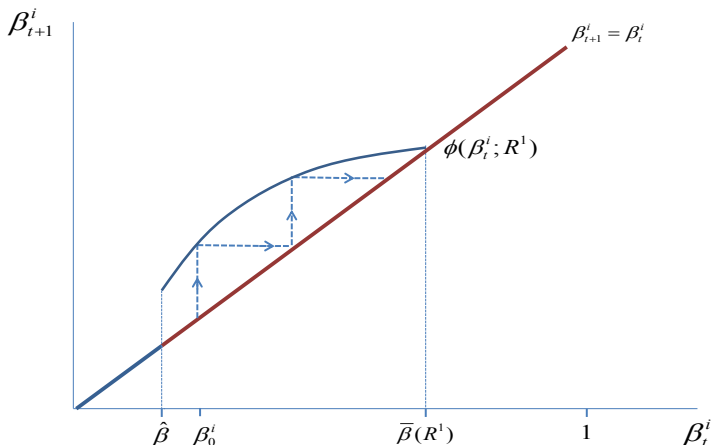
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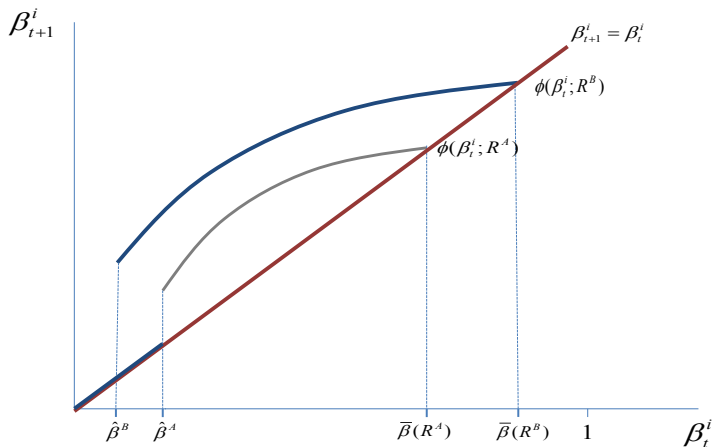
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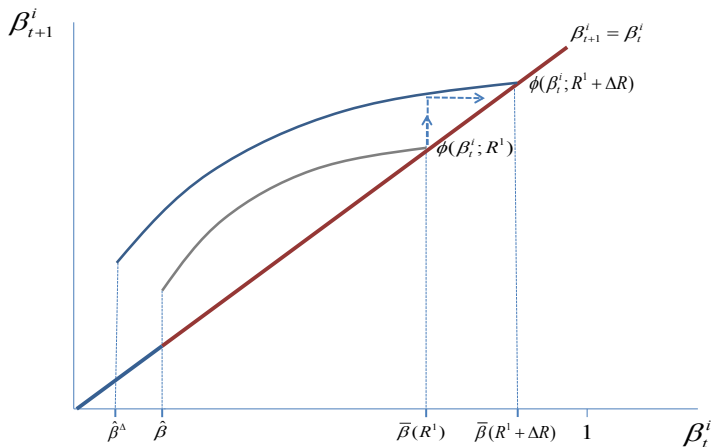
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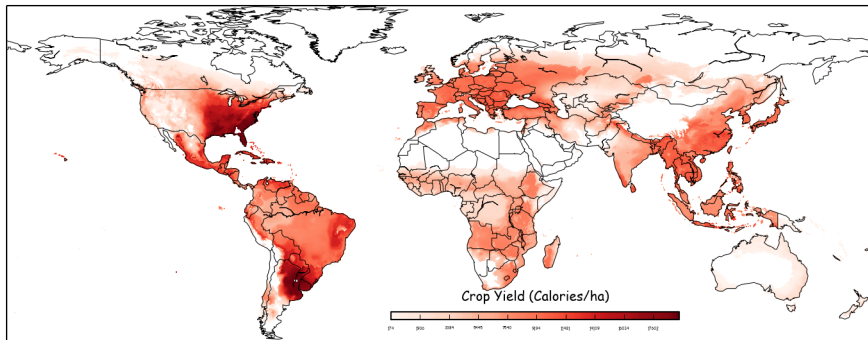
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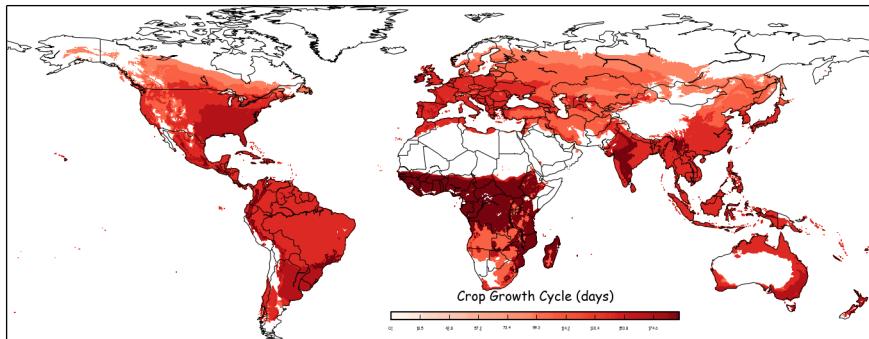
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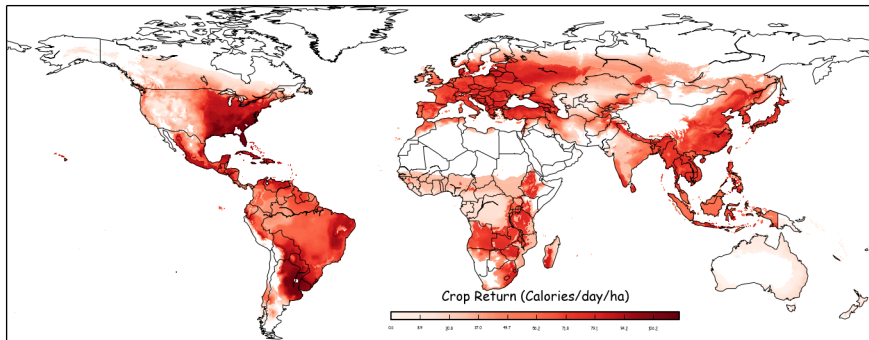
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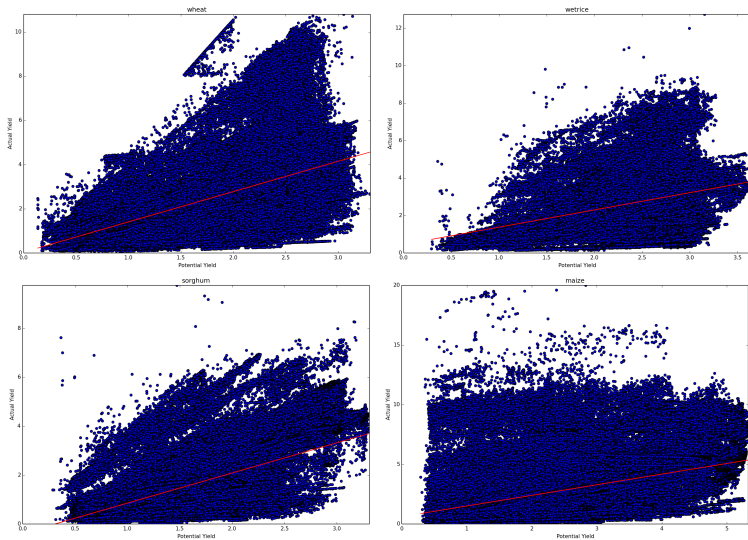


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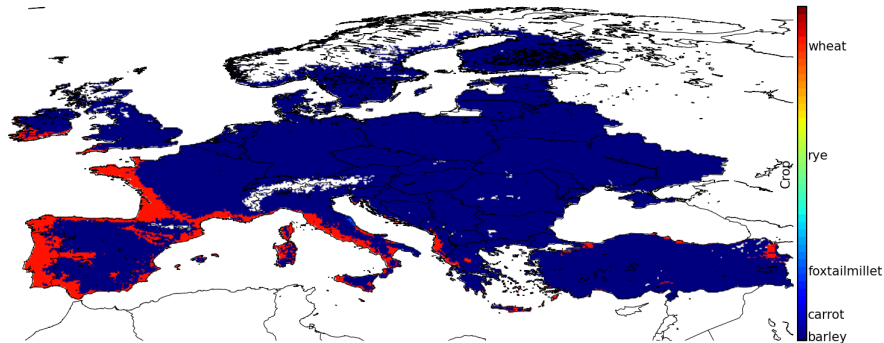
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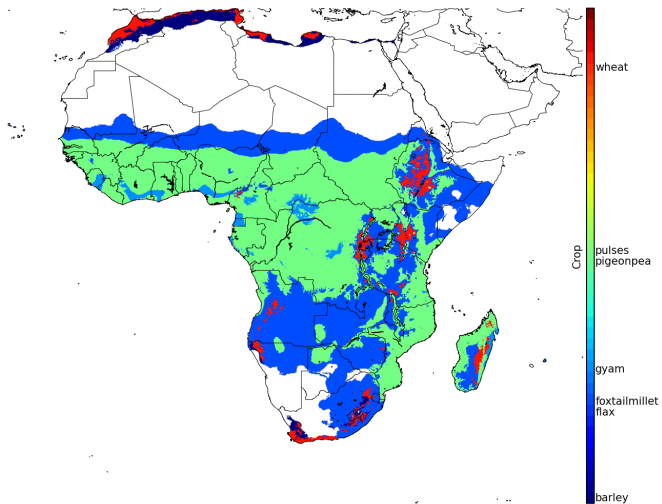
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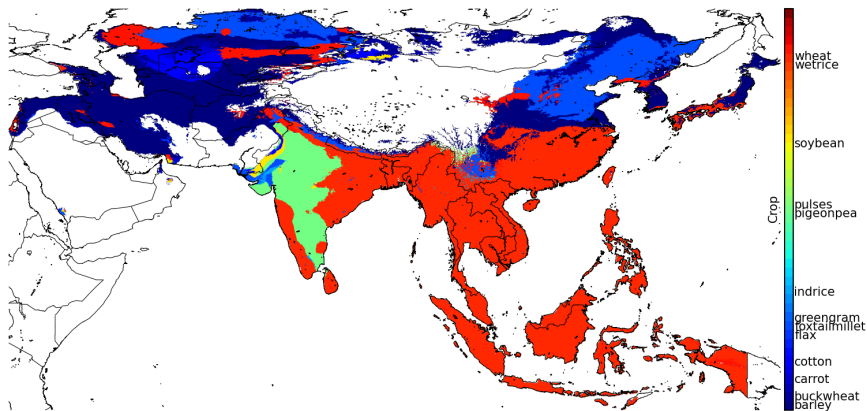
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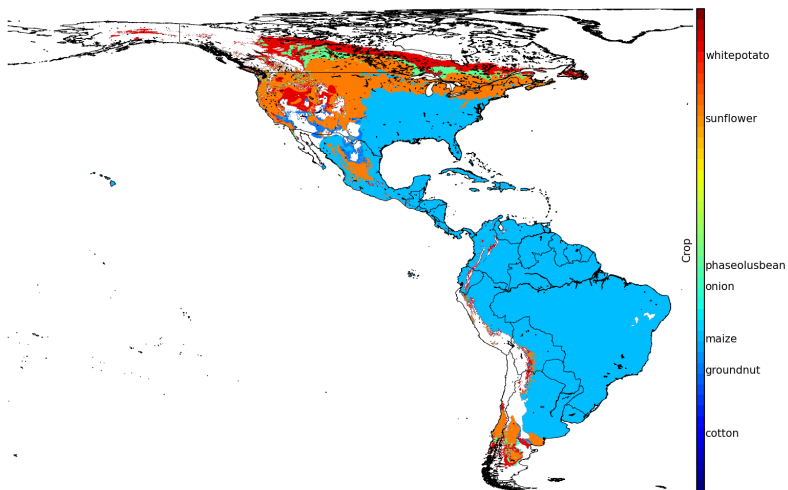


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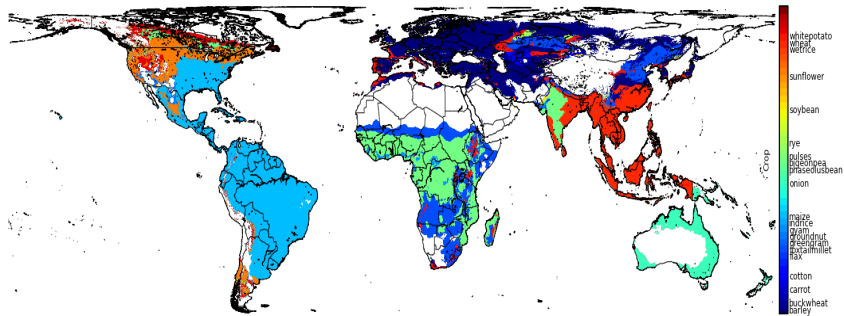


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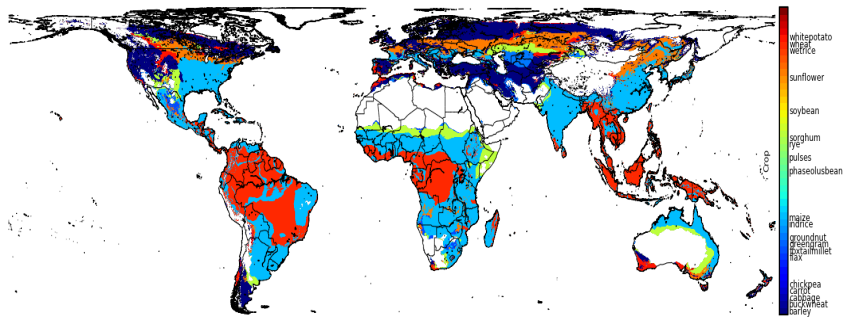
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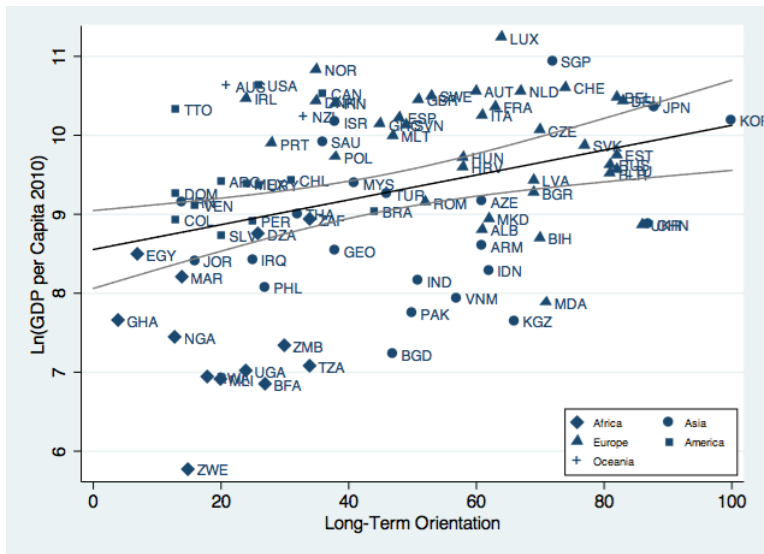
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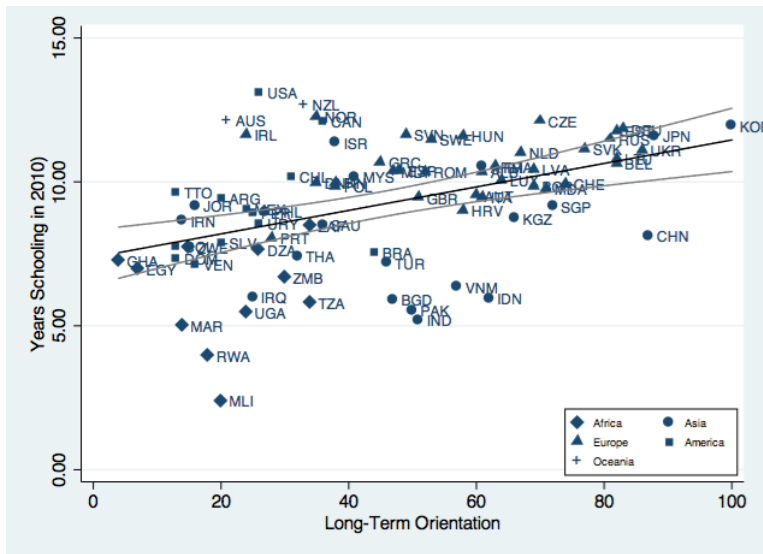
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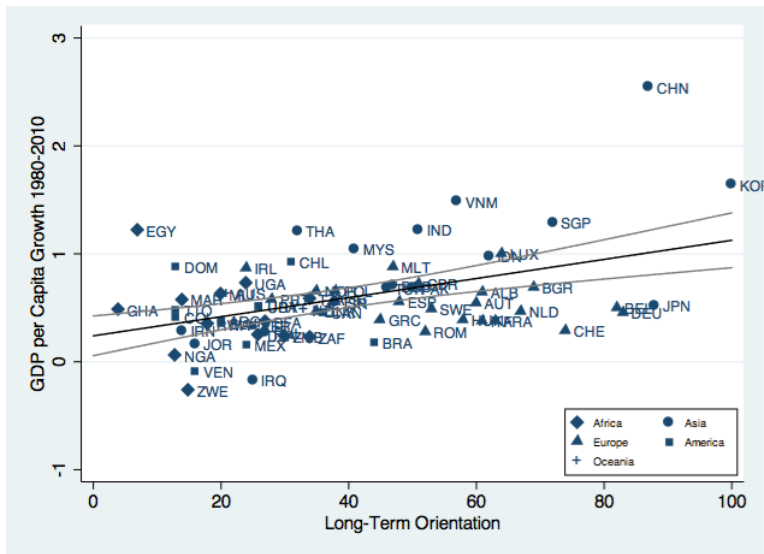
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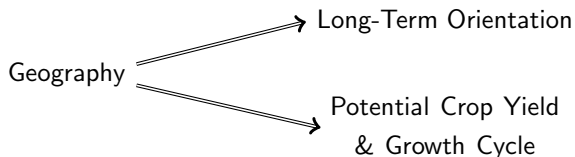
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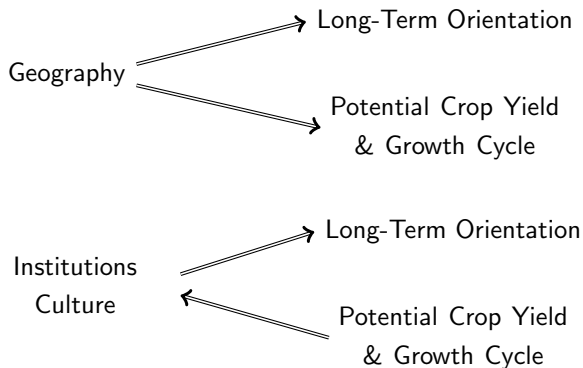
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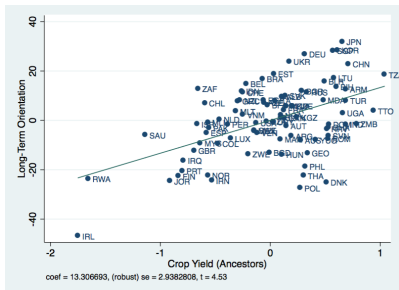
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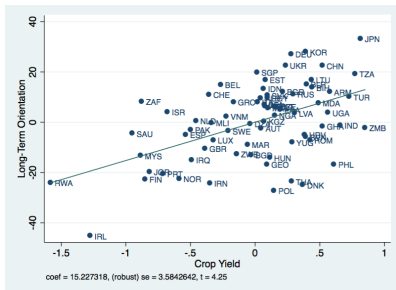
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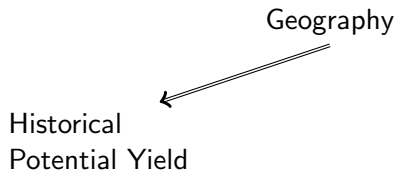
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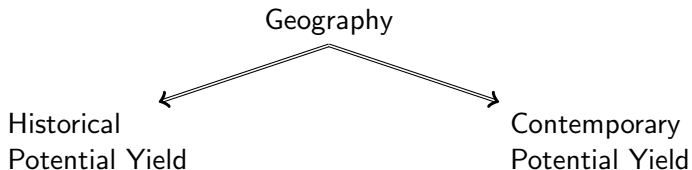
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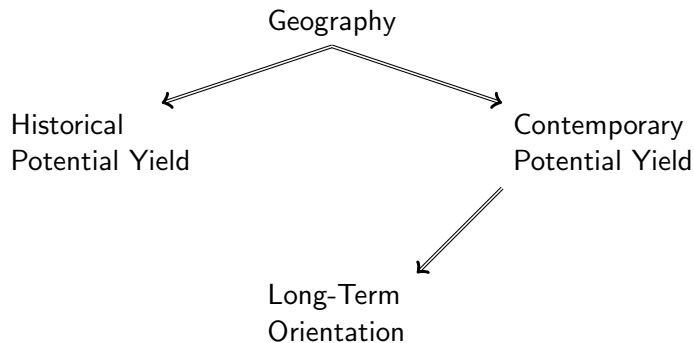
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	1500CE		1500CE		1800CE		1870CE	1913CE
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield (Anc., pre-1500)	11.05*** (2.53)	11.52*** (2.33)	10.01*** (3.68)	11.08*** (3.68)	11.54*** (3.18)	11.54*** (3.22)	14.19*** (5.08)	12.66** (5.02)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	10.76*** (2.89)	10.40*** (2.78)	8.77** (3.35)	9.96*** (3.35)	10.05*** (3.23)	10.22*** (3.37)	15.55*** (3.22)	14.92*** (3.29)
Crop Growth Cycle (Anc., pre-1500)	-8.06* (4.06)	-10.43*** (3.63)	-5.06 (5.28)	-7.30 (5.37)	-8.60* (4.68)	-8.75* (4.84)	-12.58* (6.44)	-10.28 (6.46)
Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (post-1500)	-0.46 (1.72)	-1.06 (1.84)	1.06 (2.91)	0.55 (2.95)	0.07 (2.37)	0.03 (2.41)	2.14 (3.38)	3.31 (3.35)
Population density in 1500 CE		3.76** (1.86)						
Urbanization rate in 1500 CE				1.90 (2.24)				
Urbanization rate in 1800 CE						-0.57 (1.22)		
GDP per capita 1870							10.57*** (3.65)	
GDP per capita 1913								10.99*** (3.53)
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GDPpc 1870							0.05***	
GDPpc 1913								0.05***
Continental FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geography & Neolithic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.65	0.67	0.60	0.60	0.63	0.62	0.59	0.59
Observations	87	87	65	65	79	79	50	50



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	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	12.02*** (2.69)	11.46*** (2.91)	10.36*** (3.32)	12.85*** (2.65)	12.80*** (2.67)	12.72*** (2.70)	13.05*** (2.75)	14.10*** (2.77)	13.95*** (2.80)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	10.70*** (2.71)	10.50*** (2.70)	10.03*** (2.73)	10.93*** (2.77)	10.93*** (2.78)	11.17*** (2.76)	10.30*** (3.16)	9.89*** (2.88)	10.13*** (3.02)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-7.63* (3.85)	-7.71* (3.94)	-8.04* (4.09)	-10.02** (3.94)	-10.13** (3.92)	-10.50*** (3.94)	-10.87** (4.14)	-10.05** (3.80)	-10.21** (3.97)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)	-0.90 (1.62)	-0.96 (1.68)	-1.16 (1.76)	-1.30 (1.69)	-1.40 (1.66)	-1.63 (1.61)	-1.09 (1.62)	-0.86 (1.72)	-0.97 (1.70)
Land Suitability		0.83 (2.07)							
Land Suitability (Ancestors)			2.34 (3.20)						
Plow					1.62 (3.17)				
Plow (Ancestors)						3.35 (3.92)			
Strong FTR								-3.68** (1.68)	
Strong FTR (Ancestors)									-2.59 (1.76)
	Semi-Partial R <sup>2</sup>								
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	0.07***	0.05***	0.03***	0.08***	0.08***	0.08***	0.08***	0.09***	0.09***
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	0.05***	0.05***	0.04***	0.05***	0.05***	0.05***	0.04***	0.03***	0.04***
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	0.01*	0.01*	0.02*	0.03**	0.03**	0.03***	0.03**	0.02**	0.02**
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Land Suitability		0.00							
Land Suitability (Ancestors)			0.00						
Plow					0.00				
Plow (Ancestors)						0.00			
Strong FTR								0.02**	
Strong FTR (Ancestors)									0.01
Continental FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geography & Neolithic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.68	0.67	0.68	0.67	0.66	0.67	0.70	0.72	0.70
Observations	85	85	85	87	87	87	71	71	71

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	Cultural Indices						
	Long-Term Orientation	Restraint vs Indulgence	Trust	Individualism	Power Distance	Cooperation	Uncertainty Avoidance
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	10.03*** (3.05)	6.58 (3.99)	-7.11* (3.72)	-10.88 (6.59)	6.69 (5.92)	-7.60 (5.98)	3.03 (5.55)
Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500)	9.03*** (2.16)	7.91** (3.10)	-0.53 (3.48)	-3.05 (2.62)	2.50 (2.18)	-1.51 (2.23)	-0.39 (2.21)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-5.98** (2.75)	-4.59 (3.57)	0.35 (3.47)	2.20 (3.82)	-2.50 (4.11)	3.50 (4.15)	4.06 (4.33)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (Anc., post-1500)	-0.77 (1.60)	2.02 (2.42)	1.96 (2.09)	-3.72 (3.18)	-0.89 (2.90)	3.00 (2.51)	-0.05 (3.24)
Land Suitability (Ancestors)	2.33 (3.15)	0.91 (4.86)	-6.17 (5.10)	6.94 (4.99)	7.75* (4.22)	12.54*** (3.91)	6.08 (3.98)
Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors)	-7.58** (3.04)	-0.19 (4.62)	0.56 (4.09)	-0.60 (3.32)	-2.13 (4.40)	1.22 (5.85)	-8.88** (3.77)
Continental FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All Geographical Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.68	0.41	0.46	0.68	0.39	0.46	0.60
Observations	85	83	83	60	60	60	60

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	Long-Term Orientation						
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	10.03*** (3.05)	9.38*** (3.21)	10.30*** (3.41)	13.54** (6.49)	11.47* (6.78)	12.76* (6.78)	11.17* (6.53)
Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500)	9.03*** (2.16)	8.55*** (2.53)	8.97*** (2.23)	7.45*** (2.47)	6.88** (2.63)	7.11*** (2.53)	6.84*** (2.50)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-5.98** (2.75)	-5.71* (3.08)	-6.05** (2.76)	-5.53 (4.88)	-5.14 (5.32)	-5.75 (5.14)	-5.29 (4.89)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (Anc., post-1500)	-0.77 (1.60)	-0.88 (1.71)	-0.71 (1.84)	0.17 (3.11)	-0.61 (3.11)	-1.16 (3.20)	-0.59 (3.03)
Restraint vs. Indulgence		2.18 (2.22)					
Trust			0.63 (3.10)				
Individualism				4.80 (3.96)			
Power Distance					-0.45 (3.90)		
Cooperation						3.95 (4.20)	
Uncertainty Avoidance							1.18 (6.06)
Land Suitability (Ancestors)	2.33 (3.15)	2.30 (3.30)	2.35 (3.51)	-2.71 (4.93)	-1.13 (4.76)	-3.67 (5.54)	-1.61 (5.32)
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Continental FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All Geographical Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.68	0.68	0.67	0.59	0.58	0.59	0.58
Observations	85	83	83	60	60	60	60

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# Crop Yield, LTO and Technological Adoption

## Major Technological Changes (Probit)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Crop Yield (pre-1500)	0.10** (0.05)	0.13** (0.05)	0.15*** (0.05)	0.17** (0.06)	0.30*** (0.05)	0.29*** (0.06)
Crop Yield Ch. (post-1500)			0.06 (0.05)	0.09* (0.05)	0.16*** (0.04)	0.21*** (0.06)
Crop Cycle (pre-1500)				-0.13 (0.08)	-0.22*** (0.08)	-0.21** (0.09)
Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (post-1500)				-0.12* (0.06)	-0.23*** (0.06)	-0.19*** (0.07)
Geographical Controls	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Language Family FE	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Continental FE	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Pseudo- $R^2$	0.04	0.13	0.15	0.18	0.43	0.45
Observations	86	86	86	86	86	86

# Crop Yield, LTO and Education

	Years of Schooling in 2005					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	0.93*** (0.24)	0.90*** (0.30)	0.90*** (0.24)	0.90*** (0.29)	0.84*** (0.23)	0.88*** (0.28)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-0.08 (0.20)	-0.05 (0.23)	-0.04 (0.19)	-0.04 (0.23)	0.03 (0.24)	0.03 (0.32)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)		-0.05 (0.27)		0.02 (0.26)		0.09 (0.34)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)		0.00 (0.16)		0.02 (0.16)		0.08 (0.17)
Geographical Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Timing of Neolithic	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Continental FE	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.52	0.51	0.53	0.52	0.59	0.58
Observations	129	129	129	129	129	129



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# Correlations: Long-Term Orientation and Education

	Years of Schooling							
	Second Generation Migrants				All Individuals			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Long-Term Orientation	0.35*** (0.13)	0.37*** (0.14)	0.36** (0.14)	0.32** (0.13)	0.79*** (0.05)	0.88*** (0.05)	0.70*** (0.05)	0.63*** (0.04)
Country FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex & Age	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pray & Health	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.01	0.10	0.10	0.11	0.04	0.15	0.19	0.21
$R^2$	0.01	0.13	0.13	0.16	0.04	0.15	0.20	0.21
Observations	705	705	705	705	42016	42016	42016	42016

Income

# Empirical Specification

$$LTO_{ic} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 \text{crop yield}_{ip} + \beta_2 \text{crop growth cycle}_{ip} \\ + \sum_j \gamma_{0j} X_{ipj} + \gamma_1 YST_{ip} + \sum_j \gamma_{2j} Y_{ij} + \delta_c \Delta_i + \epsilon_i,$$

- $LTO_{ic} \equiv$  Long-Term Orientation of individual  $i$  in country  $c$
- $X_{ipj} \equiv$  Geographical controls in parent's country of origin
- $YST_{ip} \equiv$  Years since transition to agriculture in parent's country of origin
- $Y_{ij} \equiv$  Individual controls (age, sex, education, marital status, health status, religiosity)
- $\Delta_i \equiv$  Host country fixed effects

## Crop Yield and Long-Term Orientation in Second Generation Migrants

	Long-Term Orientation							
	Either Parent		Mother		Father		Both	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	2.29*** (0.80)	2.61*** (0.97)	2.99*** (1.10)	3.44*** (1.30)	2.70** (1.04)	3.34*** (1.13)	5.63** (2.43)	6.11** (2.54)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	0.52 (0.65)	0.65 (0.61)	0.32 (0.71)	0.87 (0.77)	0.57 (0.85)	0.52 (0.89)	1.83 (1.29)	2.15 (1.76)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)		-0.82 (1.00)		-1.17 (1.56)		-1.84 (1.32)		-2.07 (2.54)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)		-0.10 (0.63)		-0.92 (0.68)		0.48 (0.78)		-0.07 (1.33)
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individual Characteristics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All Geographical Controls & Neolithic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.04	0.04
Observations	2584	2584	1596	1596	1686	1686	568	568

## Crop Yield and Saving in Second Generation Migrants

	Saving							
	Either Parent		Mother		Father		Both	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	0.04** (0.02)	0.06** (0.03)	0.04* (0.02)	0.06** (0.03)	0.05** (0.02)	0.07** (0.03)	0.02 (0.03)	0.03 (0.03)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	0.03* (0.01)	0.04** (0.02)	0.04*** (0.01)	0.04** (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.04** (0.02)	0.08*** (0.02)	0.07** (0.03)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)		-0.04 (0.03)		-0.03 (0.04)		-0.05 (0.04)		-0.03 (0.04)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)		-0.01 (0.02)		0.00 (0.01)		-0.02 (0.02)		0.02 (0.02)
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Individual Characteristics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geography & Neolithic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.18	0.18
Observations	2559	2559	1582	1582	1665	1665	562	562



## Crop Yield and Smoking in Second Generation Migrants

	Smoking							
	Either Parent					Both		
	Habit					Ever	Habit	Ever
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-0.02** (0.01)	-0.02*** (0.01)	-0.02** (0.01)	-0.03** (0.01)	-0.04*** (0.02)	-0.08*** (0.02)	-0.05*** (0.02)	-0.13*** (0.03)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)			-0.02** (0.01)	-0.00 (0.01)	-0.00 (0.02)	0.06 (0.04)	-0.01 (0.03)	-0.02 (0.03)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)					0.02 (0.01)	0.04** (0.02)	0.02 (0.02)	0.10*** (0.03)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)					-0.00 (0.02)	0.00 (0.04)	-0.00 (0.03)	0.04* (0.03)
Individual Controls	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Region FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Year FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographical Controls & Neolithic	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.11	0.07	0.15
Observations	1561	1561	1561	1561	1561	935	817	496

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- $YST_{rc} \equiv$  Years since transition to agriculture in region  $r$  of country  $c$
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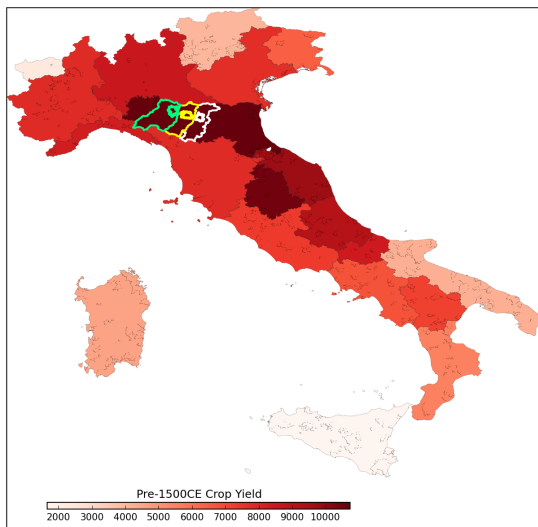
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# Regional Analysis

Share of Individuals in WVS Region with Long-Term Orientation

	Whole World										Old World	
	Unweighted				Weighted: Area				Weighted: Area Share		Area	Share
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
Crop Yield	0.049*** (0.012)	0.046*** (0.013)	0.053*** (0.017)		0.097*** (0.033)		0.032** (0.012)		0.031** (0.013)		0.039*** (0.015)	0.032** (0.013)
Crop Growth Cycle			-0.010 (0.012)		-0.047** (0.021)		-0.024** (0.010)		-0.036*** (0.009)		-0.027*** (0.009)	-0.036*** (0.008)
Crop Yield (Ancestors)				0.077*** (0.020)		0.133*** (0.032)		0.043** (0.017)		0.041** (0.017)		
Crop Growth Cycle (Anc.)				-0.012 (0.013)		-0.050*** (0.018)		-0.027*** (0.009)		-0.037*** (0.009)		
Continental FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
Country FE	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographical Controls	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Weighted by Region Area	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No
Weighted by Region's Share	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.22	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.28	0.37	0.72	0.72	0.86	0.86	0.72	0.86
Observations	1356	1356	1356	1356	1356	1356	1356	1356	1356	1356	1143	1143

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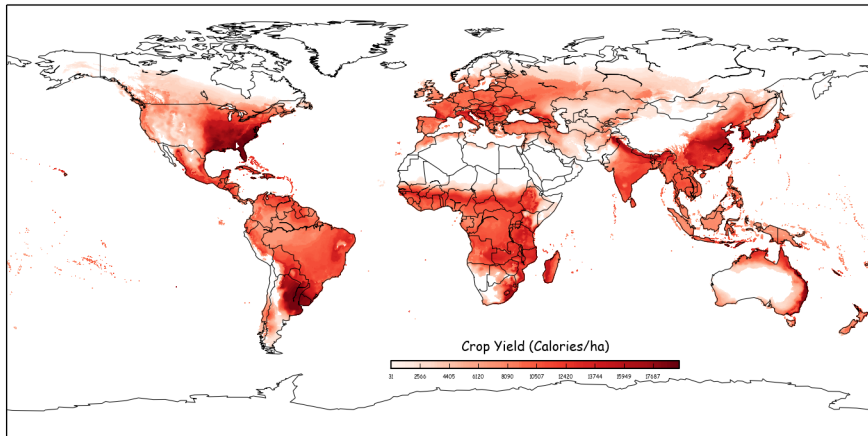
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- Per capita output

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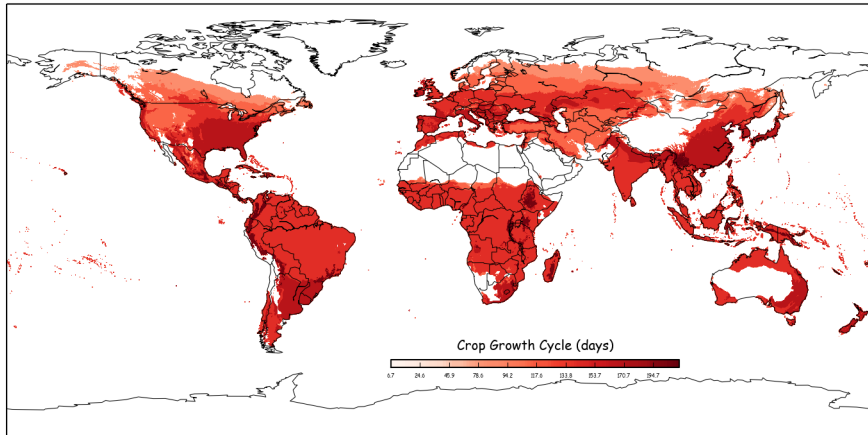
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# Potential Crop Yield post-1500CE

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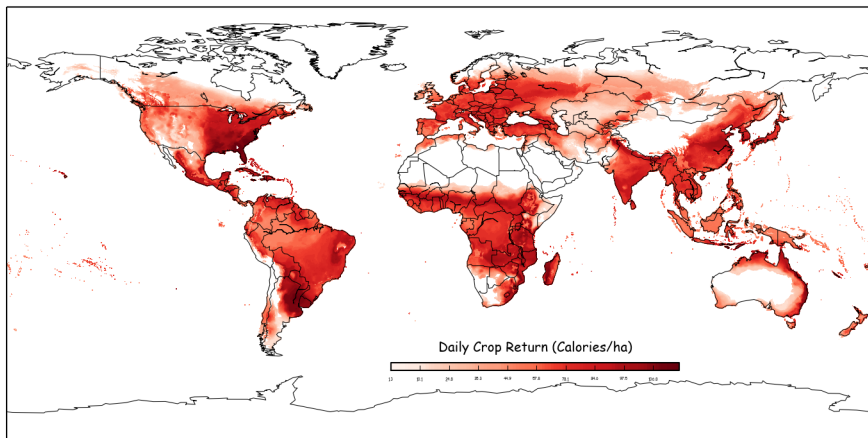
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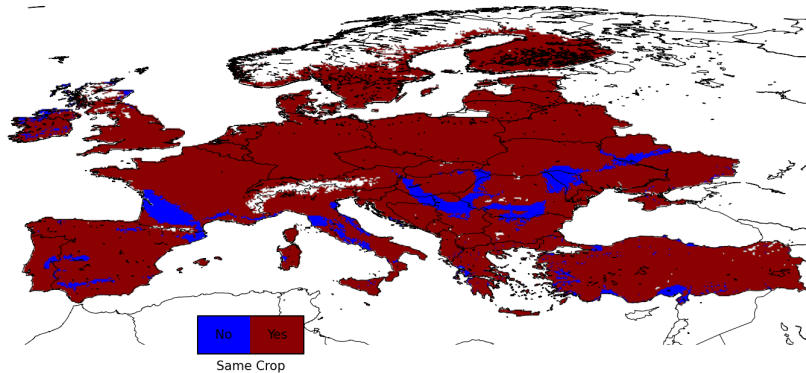
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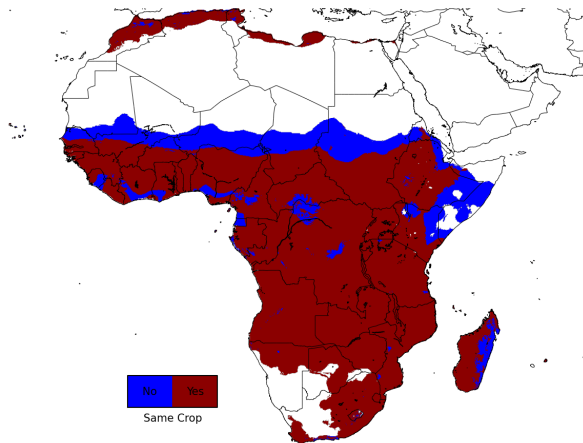




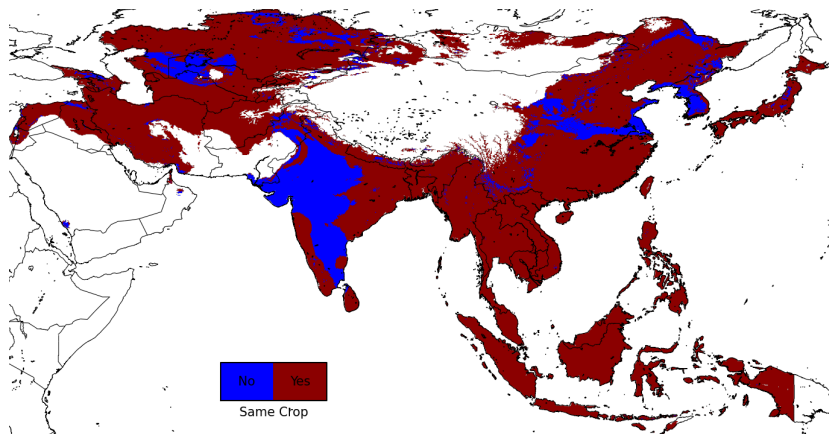
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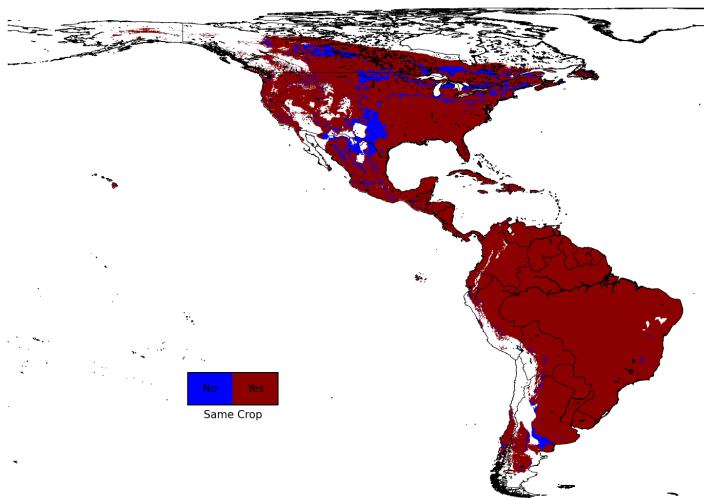
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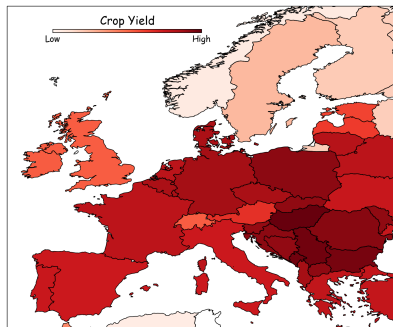
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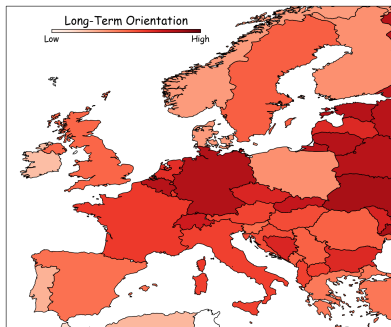
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# Potential Crop Yield (Ancestry Adjusted) and LTO



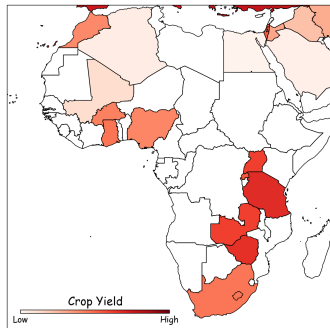
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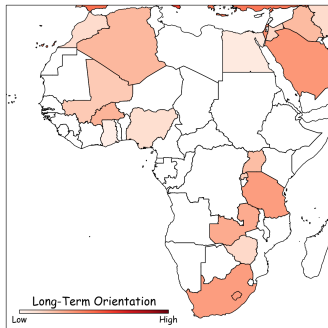
(b) Long-Term Orientation

# Potential Crop Yield (Ancestry Adjusted) and LTO

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(a) Potential Crop Yield



(b) Long-Term Orientation

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Crop	Continent	Crop	Continent
Alfalfa	Asia, Europe	Palm Heart	North Africa, Subsahara
Banana	Asia, Oceania, North Africa	Pearl Millet	Asia, North Africa, Subsahara
Barley	Asia, Europe, North Africa	Phaseolus Bean	America
Buckwheat	Asia	Pigeon Pea	Asia, Subsahara
Cabbage	Europe	Rye	Europe
Cacao	America	Sorghum	North Africa, Subsahara
Carrot	Asia, Europe	Soybean	Asia
Cassava	America	Sunflower	America
Chick Pea	Europe	Sweet Potato	America
Citrus	Asia, Europe	Tea	Asia
Coconut	America, Oceania	Tomato	America
Coffee	North Africa	Wetland Rice	Asia, Subsahara
Cotton	America, Asia, Europe, North Africa, Subsahara	Wheat	Asia, Europe, North Africa
Cowpea	Asia, North Africa, Subsahara	Wheat Hard Red Spring	Asia, Europe, North Africa
Dry Pea	Europe, North Africa	Wheat Hard Red Winter	Asia, Europe, North Africa
Flax	Asia, Europe, North Africa	Wheat Hard White	Asia, Europe, North Africa
Foxtail Millet	Asia, Europe, North Africa	Wheat Soft Red Winter	Asia, Europe, North Africa
Greengram	Asia, Subsahara	Wheat Soft White	Asia, Europe, North Africa
Groundnuts	America	White Potato	America
Indigo Rice	Asia, Subsahara	Yams	Asia, Subsahara
Maize	America	Giant Yams	Asia, Subsahara
Oat	Europe, North Africa	Sorghum (Subtropical)	North Africa, Subsahara
Oilpalm	North Africa, Subsahara	Sorghum (Tropical Highland)	North Africa, Subsahara
Olive	Europe, North Africa	Sorghum (Tropical Lowland)	North Africa, Subsahara
Onion	America, Asia, Europe, North Africa, Subsahara, Oceania	White Yams	North Africa, Subsahara





	Principal Components		
	Component 1	Component 2	Unexplained
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	0.71	0.71	0.00
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	0.71	-0.71	0.00
Eigenvalues	1.40	0.60	
Proportion Variance	0.70	0.30	
Observations	87		

	Principal Components		
	Component 1	Component 2	Unexplained
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	0.71	0.71	0.00
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)	0.71	-0.71	0.00
Eigenvalues	1.12	0.88	
Proportion Variance	0.56	0.44	
Observations	87		

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	Long-Term Orientation									
	Whole World									Old World
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
PC2 Pre-1500 Crop	17.38*** (2.69)		17.75*** (2.70)		18.53*** (3.10)	12.52*** (2.35)	13.37*** (3.27)	11.79*** (3.22)	10.90*** (3.21)	10.71*** (3.34)
PC2 Crop Change			0.55 (2.66)		0.77 (2.88)	8.82*** (2.20)	8.74*** (2.46)	8.22*** (2.34)	7.93*** (2.35)	6.39** (2.75)
PC1 Pre-1500 Crop		1.25 (2.05)		1.10 (2.05)	0.74 (1.57)	0.75 (1.57)	3.08* (1.69)	4.02** (1.89)	2.72 (2.80)	3.11 (2.85)
PC1 Crop Change				1.30 (3.04)	3.28 (2.49)	8.04*** (2.24)	7.22*** (2.40)	6.95*** (2.12)	6.29*** (2.26)	4.86 (3.01)
Neolithic Transition Timing (Anc.)								-6.46** (3.02)	-7.05** (3.17)	-9.88** (4.06)
Land Suitability (Anc.)									2.34 (3.20)	4.28 (3.50)
Continent FE	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographical Controls	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.33	-0.01	0.32	-0.02	0.33	0.62	0.66	0.68	0.68	0.63
Observations	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	85	70



# Pre-1500CE Crop Yield and LTO

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	Long-Term Orientation			
	Old World			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Crop Yield (pre-1500)	8.49** (3.44)	8.58*** (3.05)	13.78*** (3.47)	17.55*** (3.93)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)		9.62*** (3.53)	9.95*** (3.30)	13.36*** (3.76)
Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500)				-8.86* (5.01)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)				1.03 (2.19)
Neolithic Transition Timing			-2.84 (4.47)	-1.17 (4.38)
Continent FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geography	No	No	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.43	0.52	0.58	0.60
Observations	46	46	46	46

# Excluding Other Cultural Channels: Correlations

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Correlation Among Cultural Indices

	(LTO)	(RVI)	(Trust)	(Ind)	(PDI)	(Coop)	(UAI)
Long-Term Orientation (LTO)	1.00						
Restraint vs. Indulgence (RIV)	0.53***	1.00					
Trust	0.19	-0.07	1.00				
Individualism (Ind)	0.12	-0.18	0.45***	1.00			
Power Distance (PDI)	0.05	0.34**	-0.50***	-0.66***	1.00		
Cooperation	0.01	-0.09	-0.21	0.05	0.16	1.00	
Uncertainty Avoidance (UAI)	-0.04	0.07	-0.50***	-0.23	0.27*	-0.00	1.00

## Potential Crop Yield, Growth Cycle, and LTO (Including Grids Not-Suitable for Production)

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	Long-Term Orientation							
	Whole World						Old World	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield	5.26** (2.43)	9.01*** (2.86)	8.21*** (2.61)	7.11** (3.06)			11.59*** (2.84)	10.79*** (3.51)
Crop Growth Cycle				2.18 (4.00)				1.47 (4.25)
Crop Yield (Ancestors)					9.38*** (2.43)	8.62*** (3.11)		
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors)						1.52 (4.23)		
Absolute Latitude		3.56 (4.21)	2.46 (3.94)	3.01 (4.35)	3.66 (3.79)	4.05 (4.16)	4.98 (4.62)	5.37 (5.14)
Mean Elevation		6.20* (3.26)	7.14** (3.41)	6.63* (3.44)	6.73** (3.35)	6.44* (3.25)	5.86 (3.92)	5.64 (3.84)
Terrain Roughness		-6.76** (2.68)	-6.16** (2.95)	-6.09** (2.98)	-7.29** (3.00)	-7.24** (3.00)	-6.55** (3.25)	-6.59** (3.28)
Neolithic Transition Timing			-6.81** (3.05)	-7.21** (3.20)			-5.58* (2.84)	-5.84* (2.94)
Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors)					-5.20** (2.53)	-5.41** (2.63)		
Continent FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional Geographical Controls	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.50	0.57	0.60	0.59	0.60	0.60	0.56	0.56
Observations	87	87	87	87	87	87	72	72

# Potential Daily Crop Return, Crop Growth Cycle, and LTO [Back](#)

	Long-Term Orientation							
	Whole World						Old World	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Daily Crop Return	5.71** (2.39)	9.40*** (2.57)	8.39*** (2.44)	7.00*** (2.59)			10.83*** (2.69)	9.28*** (2.82)
Crop Growth Cycle				4.04 (3.58)				4.57 (3.85)
Daily Crop Return (Ancestors)					9.00*** (2.41)	7.57*** (2.63)		
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors)						4.23 (3.79)		
Absolute latitude		3.07 (4.10)	2.07 (3.82)	3.32 (4.32)	2.58 (3.78)	4.08 (4.24)	3.40 (4.59)	5.22 (5.31)
Mean elevation		6.44* (3.38)	7.19** (3.47)	6.39* (3.42)	6.78* (3.42)	6.07* (3.26)	5.98 (4.11)	5.32 (3.84)
Terrain Roughness		-6.66** (2.67)	-6.09** (2.94)	-6.10** (2.95)	-7.05** (3.01)	-7.08** (3.01)	-6.15* (3.31)	-6.46* (3.26)
Neolithic Transition Timing			-6.13* (3.11)	-6.83** (3.18)			-5.14* (2.93)	-5.78* (2.94)
Neolithic Transition Timing (Ancestors)					-4.87* (2.62)	-5.41** (2.66)		
Continent FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Additional Geographical Controls	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.51	0.58	0.59	0.60	0.59	0.60	0.55	0.56
Observations	87	87	87	87	87	87	72	72

# Excluding Trade Channel [Back](#)

	Long-Term Orientation								
	Suitability		Money			Transportation			Routes
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	9.00*** (2.85)	9.84*** (2.45)	11.48*** (2.73)	12.03*** (3.33)	11.27*** (2.61)	11.61*** (2.67)	12.37*** (3.35)	11.17*** (2.66)	11.73*** (2.76)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	10.03*** (2.97)	10.84*** (2.72)	11.08*** (3.16)	11.48*** (3.42)	11.11*** (3.09)	10.98*** (3.16)	11.32*** (3.17)	11.13*** (3.14)	11.81*** (3.42)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-5.35 (4.23)	-7.71* (4.29)	-8.36* (4.28)	-8.96* (4.66)	-8.79** (4.38)	-8.33* (4.30)	-9.28** (4.61)	-8.56* (4.42)	-9.73** (4.51)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)	-0.12 (1.70)	0.27 (1.52)	-0.07 (1.82)	-0.02 (1.79)	-0.10 (1.76)	0.02 (1.85)	0.10 (1.77)	-0.34 (1.75)	0.02 (1.83)
Land Suitability (Gini)	-2.11 (2.02)								
Land Suitability (Range)	2.46 (1.65)								
Exchange Medium 1000BCE	0.05 (2.43)								
Exchange Medium 1CE	1.15 (3.12)								
Exchange Medium 1000CE	4.60 (4.32)								
Transportation Medium 1000BCE	0.84 (3.18)								
Transportation Medium 1CE	2.40 (4.36)								
Transportation Medium 1000CE	1.50 (4.39)								
Pre-Industrial Distance to Trade Route	0.16 (5.98)								
Continental FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geography & Neolithic	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.66	0.67	0.63	0.64	0.63	0.63	0.64	0.62	0.61
Observations	84	84	81	81	81	81	81	81	71







	Long-Term Orientation					
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Crop Yield	9.67*** (2.60) [3.03] {2.46}	10.14*** (3.02) [3.38] {2.65}			13.58*** (3.01) [3.01] {2.88}	16.57*** (3.37) [2.57] {2.95}
Crop Growth Cycle	-3.78 (2.47) [2.39] {2.34}	-2.92 (2.95) [2.67] {2.59}			-5.26** (2.61) [2.38] {2.50}	-4.07 (2.90) [2.45] {2.54}
Crop Yield (Ancestors)			11.35*** (2.56) [2.60] {2.43}	14.50*** (2.75) [2.46] {2.41}		
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors)			-5.05** (2.41) [2.15] {2.28}	-4.65* (2.59) [2.24] {2.27}		
Continent FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All Geography & Neolithic	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Old World Subsample	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
AET		-21.58		-3.00		-5.53
$\delta$		-4.72		-0.35		-0.66
$\beta^*$		11.38		22.02		21.67
$R^2$	0.59	0.70	0.61	0.75	0.56	0.72
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.55	0.62	0.57	0.68	0.52	0.64
Observations	87	87	87	87	72	72

# Changes in Crop Yield & Growth Cycle and LTO (Selection on Unobserv.)

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	Long-Term Orientation					
	Whole World				Old World	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)	11.28*** (2.92)	9.51*** (2.92)				
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)	-0.67 (1.84)	-1.51 (1.81)				
Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500)			10.20*** (2.50)	8.83*** (2.36)	11.25*** (2.72)	8.39*** (2.88)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (Anc., post-1500)			0.79 (1.75)	-0.73 (1.78)	0.16 (1.87)	-1.45 (1.93)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)	10.03*** (2.31)	10.74*** (2.76)	9.90*** (2.30)	11.31*** (2.70)	10.46*** (2.43)	12.18*** (3.05)
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)	-11.29*** (3.22)	-6.47 (3.90)	-11.59*** (3.23)	-6.85* (3.65)	-12.27*** (3.38)	-5.69 (4.24)
Change Crop Yield						
AET		5.38		6.43		2.93
$\delta$		2.13		2.51		1.45
$\beta^*$		6.21		6.25		3.32
Change Crop Growth Cycle						
AET		-1.81		-0.48		-0.90
$\delta$		-0.94		-0.25		-0.49
$\beta^*$		-3.06		-3.58		-4.29
Continent FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
All Geography & Neolithic	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes
Old World Subsample	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
$R^2$	0.65	0.77	0.67	0.78	0.62	0.76
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.61	0.70	0.62	0.71	0.58	0.67
Observations	87	87	87	87	72	72

# European Social Survey

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## Data:

- Third Wave European Social Survey
  - Academically driven cross-national survey that has been conducted every two years across Europe since 2001
  - Survey measures the attitudes, beliefs and behavior patterns of diverse populations in 25 nations
- “Do you generally plan for your future or do you just take each day as it comes?”

# Correlations: Long-Term Orientation and Income

	Total Household Income							
	Second Generation Migrants				All Individuals			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Long-Term Orientation	0.33** (0.14)	0.22* (0.12)	0.22** (0.10)	0.23** (0.11)	0.35*** (0.08)	0.45*** (0.04)	0.36*** (0.04)	0.32*** (0.04)
Country FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex & Age	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
Pray & Health	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Adjusted- $R^2$	0.01	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.01	0.50	0.52	0.53
$R^2$	0.01	0.43	0.43	0.47	0.01	0.50	0.52	0.53
Observations	383	383	383	383	29323	29323	29323	29323

# Crop Yield, Crop Growth Cycle, and LTO in Second Generation

## Migrants Graphs

	Long-Term Orientation (Ordered Probit)							
	Country of Origin							
	Mother				Parents			
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield	0.11*** (0.04)	0.11*** (0.04)	0.23*** (0.07)	0.27*** (0.07)		0.23*** (0.09)		0.31*** (0.11)
Crop Growth Cycle				-0.13* (0.07)		-0.09 (0.07)		-0.10 (0.09)
Crop Yield (Ancestors)					0.30*** (0.08)		0.27*** (0.09)	
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors)					-0.14* (0.07)		-0.10 (0.08)	
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex & Age	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Ind. Chars.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographical & Neolithic	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
Pseudo- $R^2$	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Observations	705	705	705	705	705	566	566	557

# Pre-1500 Crop Yield and LTO in Second Generation Migrants

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	Country of Origin								
	Mother						Parents		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Crop Yield (pre-1500)	2.96**	3.40**	6.45***	6.50***	6.65***		5.08**		7.62**
	(1.18)	(1.32)	(2.17)	(2.16)	(2.15)		(2.48)		(2.92)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)				0.44	1.37		1.98		2.29
				(1.20)	(1.40)		(1.63)		(1.65)
Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500)					-1.60		-2.65		-2.36
					(2.58)		(2.37)		(2.53)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)					-1.27		-0.07		-0.24
					(0.92)		(1.19)		(1.29)
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)						8.10***		6.54**	
						(2.03)		(2.55)	
Crop Yield Change (Anc., post-1500)						1.00		1.87	
						(1.45)		(1.66)	
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)						-2.42		-3.16	
						(2.53)		(2.67)	
Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (Anc., post-1500)						-1.03		0.13	
						(0.92)		(1.17)	
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex & Age	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Ind. Chars.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographical Controls & Neolithic	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.06	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15
Observations	705	705	705	705	705	705	566	566	557



	Country of Origin								
	Mother						Parents		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
Crop Yield (pre-1500)	3.71***	3.81***	6.16***	6.09***	6.44***		4.97**	4.85*	
	(1.19)	(1.30)	(1.59)	(1.63)	(1.67)		(2.42)	(2.46)	
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)				0.42	-0.25		0.39	0.94	
				(1.58)	(1.52)		(1.45)	(1.47)	
Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500)					0.14		-0.07	0.79	
					(1.88)		(2.28)	(2.30)	
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)					1.18		2.06	1.01	
					(1.62)		(1.63)	(1.37)	
Crop Yield (Ancestors, pre-1500)						6.49***	4.50**		
						(1.70)	(2.23)		
Crop Yield Change (Ancestors, post-1500)						-0.86	0.41		
						(1.49)	(1.47)		
Crop Growth Cycle (Ancestors, pre-1500)						0.28	0.22		
						(1.86)	(2.30)		
Crop Growth Cycle Ch. (Anc., post-1500)						1.88	2.24		
						(1.59)	(1.62)		
Country FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sex & Age	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other Ind. Chars.	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Geographical Controls & Neolithic	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Old World Sample	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes
R <sup>2</sup>	0.06	0.11	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.15	0.15	0.15
Observations	705	705	705	705	705	705	566	566	557



# World Values Survey

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## Data:

- All waves of WVS
  - cross-national survey conducted every 4-5 years
  - 96 countries
  - widely used in social research
- Long-Term Orientation measure based preference for thrift in children

## Question

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Individual has LTO if mentioned “thrift, saving money and things”











	Long-Term Orientation (OLS)							
	Whole World						Old World	
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Crop Yield (pre-1500)	0.023*** (0.002)	0.024*** (0.002)	0.023*** (0.002)	0.025*** (0.002)	0.028*** (0.002)	0.005* (0.003)	0.055*** (0.002)	0.005 (0.004)
Crop Yield Change (post-1500)				0.043*** (0.002)	0.046*** (0.002)	0.006** (0.003)	0.042*** (0.002)	0.007** (0.003)
Crop Growth Cycle (pre-1500)					-0.011*** (0.003)	-0.009** (0.004)	-0.012*** (0.003)	-0.008 (0.005)
Crop Growth Cycle Change (post-1500)					0.002 (0.002)	-0.007*** (0.002)	0.002 (0.002)	-0.007*** (0.003)
Wave & Continent FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No
Individual Chars	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Country FE	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	Yes
Adjusted-R <sup>2</sup>	0.02	0.02	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.08	0.05	0.08
Observations	185659	185659	185659	185659	185659	185659	151299	151299