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Did Humans Evolve? Not Us, Say Americans

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In surveys conducted in 2005, people in the United States and 32 European countries were asked whether to respond "true," "false" or "not sure" to this statement: "Human beings, as we know them, developed from earlier species of animals." The same question was posed to Japanese adults in 2001.

The United States had the second-highest percentage of adults who said the statement was false and the second-lowest percentage who said the statement was true, [researchers reported in the current issue of Science](#).

Only adults in Turkey expressed more doubts on evolution. In Iceland, 85 percent agreed with the statement.

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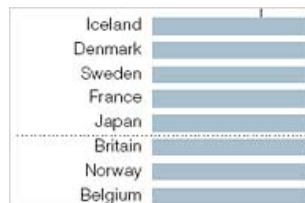


Chart: Belief in Evolution, by Country

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