A Peculiar People Revisited: Demographic Foundations of the Iowa Amish in the 21st Century

Abstract:
This article describes the demographic foundations of the Amish in Iowa. We note that since the publication of “A Peculiar People” by Dorothy and Elmer Schwieder in 1975 (with an updated version in 2009) the demographic dynamics of the Amish have changed little. They remain a high fertility group, and, when coupled with increases in their retention of daughters and sons in the Amish faith, the Amish are currently experiencing rapid population increase and settlement growth. In turn, the occupational base of the Amish has become more diverse and less reliant on agriculture. We observe that the first or founding families for new settlements in Iowa come equally from outside of Iowa and older settlements within the Hawkeye state.
Although the 21st century is still going through its initial years, people around the world are already influencing the world, and creating history in ways which few have thought about. Here, we present you with a list of 24 of the most famous people of the 21st century until now. Anuj Mudaliar. “A return to first principles in a republic is sometimes caused by the simple virtues of one man. His good example has such an influence that the good men strive to imitate him, and the wicked are ashamed to lead a life so contrary to his example.” — Niccolò Machiavelli. In a matter of little more than Powerful people consistently operate from an internal frame-of-reference. They listen to their heart and gut and carefully think things through (without overthinking). They do not cater and capitulate to the voices and pressures of other people and institutions. They’ll hear and consider the opinions and points-of-view of other people, but ultimately their decisions are made on their own accord, in their own best interest. Bottom line: Human beings are internally motivated. Human doers are externally motivated.