

GENETICS

# ARE GENES BECOMING MORE IMPORTANT WITH INCREASING AGE?

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I found an apparent paradox between two studies. [John Whitfield](#) did a twin study in Australia and concluded that shared environmental effects decreased with age (from about 50% to 10%) while additive genetic effects increased. The new Sardinian study found *higher heritabilities among younger individuals* and explained that by an increase of environmental insults with age. Nice said, but who is right?

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