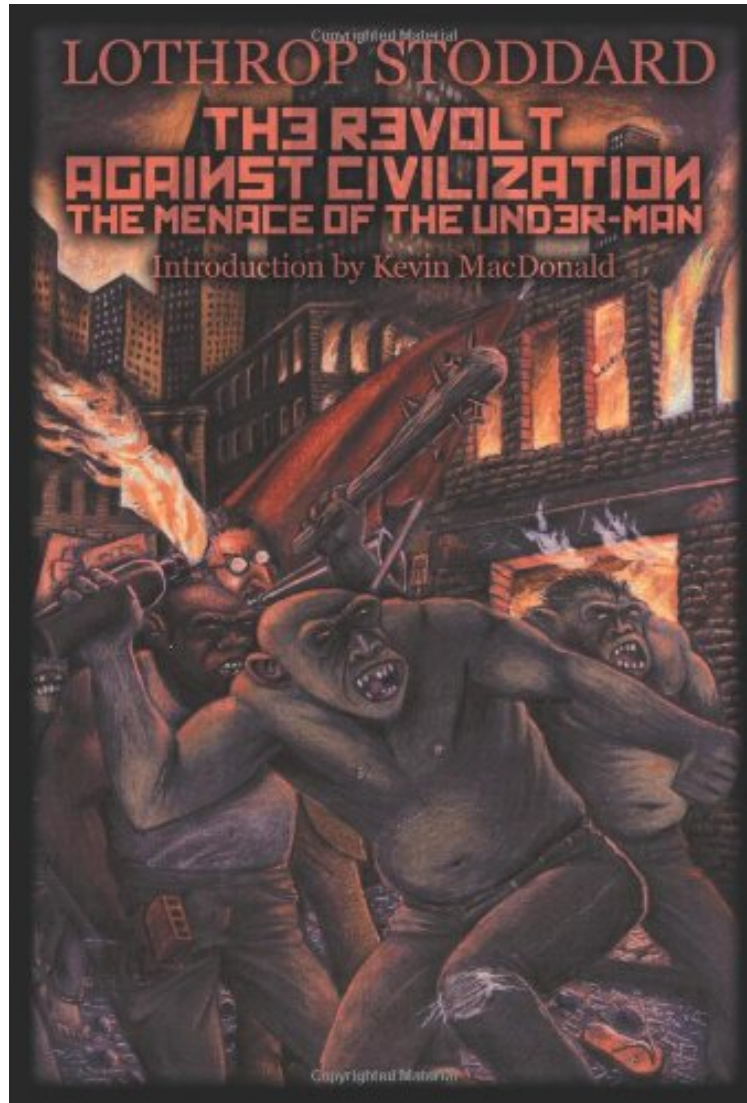


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Harvard graduates would have 50 descendants in 200 years while 1000 Rumanians living in Boston would have 100 000 descendants over the same span" (page xix). Excellently introduced and put into context by professor Kevin MacDonald (well-known author of his widely prised magnum opus (*The Culture of Critique: An Evolutionary Analysis of Jewish Involvement in Twentieth-Century Intellectual and Political Movements*), this 1922 sociological treatise on the biological ("racial", in the discourse of the pre-DNA 1920's) decline of the European-descended nations is finally available in a luxurious edition updated with footnotes and a current-day citation-system. Lothrop Stoddard was once a man widely known in US discourse on society, culture and the foundations of this, being part of the founding wasp elites that once made up the elite of the US (and the United Kingdom, obviously). As can be read in both the aforementioned book by Dr. MacDonald he was once a popular lecturer with a top-notch education from Harvard University, and he was widely read in many circles, including the Army, the upper and the middle classes. This book is probably his own magnum opus, being a classic sociological (and to some extent biological) study of the mechanisms behind what he perceives to be "the decline of the West". Showing quite convincingly that already in the 1920's people were aware of the direction the European-descended nations were heading, a path trodden that it now is hard to deny has been vastly damaging to the very fabric of society. His basic premise is this: society puts a heavy toll on those of high intellect, culture and to some degree economic status, "forcing" them to have fewer children, whilst on the other end of the spectrum those of low intellect, culture and to some degree economic status constantly increase their portion of the population. A quote from page 17 is in order: "Here, then, was what had come to pass: instead of dying off at the base and growing at the top, civilized society was dying at the top and spreading out below." This will, as one perhaps could assume, lead to disaster in the long run for the quality of our society, and thereby should make us ask some rather profound questions on the direction we are taking. Obviously, turning on the television (if you are so unlucky to have one) and watching a few minutes of basically any program, and thereafter contemplating if this is the kind of society you want, will probably lead to some dark thoughts. Stoddard is not simply negative though, what he suggests is that we should instead turn the population-pyramid on its head: the best should have lots of high-investment children, whilst those on the lower echelons of society should have vastly fewer. As he so candidly points out on page 10: "Mere numbers mean nothing. The most brilliant civilization the world has ever seen arose in Athens - a tiny community where the number of freemen [...] numbered perhaps 50 000 all told." Stoddard intriguingly enough makes a compelling case for the fact that the "revolt of the Left" (the "French" revolution and later ones) that has had such a vast impact upon the world, is really nothing but the "revolt of the Under-man" against those he hates for reasons both pathological and emotional. A new edition by Wermod Wermod was recently published which deals with a specific revolution of this ilk: *The French Revolution in San Domingo*. The book is evenly split between the sobering facts presented, and the positive vision he hands to his readers. He can be a bit excessively "American" at times with his more or less purely biological focus, but the book has pretty much aged well, and read in combination with more "European"-minded authors like Dr. Tomislav Sunic (*Homo americanus:: Child of the Postmodern Age*) and baron Julius Evola (*Revolt Against the Modern World*), this classic is simply a must-read. 11 of 13 people found the following review helpful. A classic Stoddard book, but much nicer looking than others. By Jaenelle *The Revolt Against Civilization: The Menace of the Under-Man* is an examination of how dysgenic tendencies in a population tend to foment egalitarian revolutions, such as the Bolshevik revolution, and drag the whole of society down to the lowest common denominator. Stoddard remarks that these same tendencies are a ticking time bomb in America and prescribes active policy changes to stop and reverse such trends and create a merit based society. Now more than ever, his predictions and prescriptions ring true. Highly recommended for those interested in eugenics and human bio-diversity. While other editions are cheap and unattractive reprints, many with numerous scanning errors or even missing pages, this new editions from the Palingenesis Project offers much more. This edition has been meticulously put together and is hardbound with a dust-jacket beautifully illustrated by Alex Kurtagi'. A new index has been painstakingly added, as the original editions did not include them. Footnotes and other references have been modernised and in some cases, additional footnotes for further clarification and context have been added. Also contains a scholarly introduction from Professor Kevin MacDonald. If you are a collector of books, this is the edition to get.

In this classic 1922 book, Dr. Lothrop Stoddard examines the point where egalitarian revolutionary movements- particularly the French Revolution and its ultimate offspring in the 20th century, the Bolshevik revolution- intersect with human biodiversity. His thesis is that civilisation imposes increasing intellectual and moral burdens on the less able strata of the population, causing growing frustration, restlessness, and feelings of worthlessness among their members, who, meanwhile and due to differential birthrates, grow in number and proportion; eventually, when the pressure becomes unbearable, they rise up in revolt- a revolt against civilisation. Stoddard examines the gradual depletion of cognitive and moral capital from the population due to low fertility among elites and high fertility among the underclasses; the role and methods of 'tainted geniuses' in mobilising discontent, particularly during the French and Bolshevik revolutions; and the ticking dysgenic time-bomb in the United States. Stoddard stresses that averting disaster and improving society demand active policy changes aimed at reversing negative trends and encouraging

positive ones, and that these changes will not be made without the development of an eugenic conscience. Rather than the creation of a caste system or an aristocracy, neither of which would guarantee an overall betterment of the population, he proposes fostering the growth of a neo-aristocracy, founded on ability and merit. Stoddard's perspective on these matters is unique in that it is both progressive and elitist. Both his trenchant analysis of sociopolitical population dynamics and his critique of egalitarian revolutionary movements prove astonishingly prescient in an increasingly troubled and turbulent West.