

This work adds to the literature on the integration of groups within society by recognizing connections that have not been emphasized

I think the title is a little misleading. I was looking to read more about the African lineage and not just the connection. Maybe the title should just mention connection and not lineage. “Exploring the African connection to Irish and Italian identities.”

How does cattle fit into the section of genetic connection (p.12)? There just isn’t enough written about the genetic connections that make sense. It should either be developed more or taken out. The Mediterranean connection with Italians and Africans is real even with sickle cell genetics. I see Italians with genetic connections, but how does the author explain Irish? There are cultural connections with Irish as pointed out in the work.

If there are works that tie genetics of Africans and Irish and the author wants to go down that road, then they should be cited and summarized to hold the argument.

None other than the title making you think there will be a better discussion on the lineage through genetics and not just cultural connections.

**Specific Comments: write more about the genetics and how they do or don’t tie together. Explain the “cattle” statement.**