

Outline (1875)

“Thirdly, there is the stage in which men subsume the things of the universe within a general structure, but the structure does not bind them. Their spirits enjoy free play and do not adhere to old customs blindly. They **act autonomously** and **do not** have to **depend** upon the arbitrary favors of others. They **cultivate their own virtue** and refine their own knowledge... This is what is meant by modern civilization. It has been a leap far beyond the primitive or semideveloped stages.”

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- Japan is plagued by a sickness called “foreign relations”
- Modern power is organized by nation-states
- Modern power is exercised through trade and war

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- See how the master signifier “Civilization” organizes what could be a completely jumbled and chaotic plan.
- What is the relationship of Civilization to Westernization?
- What is the status of “public opinion” in the *Outline*?

Fukoku-kyohei

「富国強兵」

Rich Nation, Strong Army

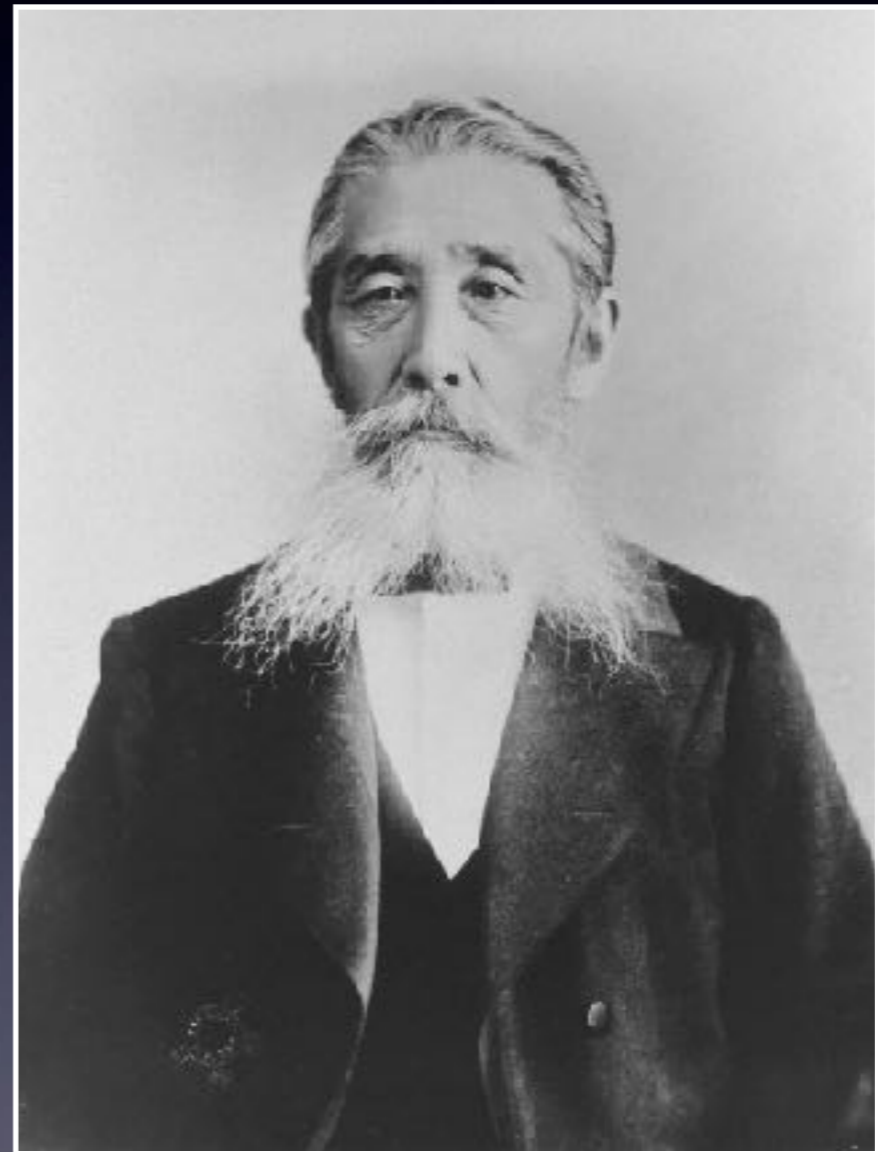
Risshin-shusse

「立身出世」

“Make Something of Yourself”

Liberal Party (自由党)

- Itagaki Taisuke
- Founded 1874
- Memorial (petition) for National Assembly
- Founded Liberal Party
- Appeal to Natural Rights Theory (French)



Escalated Incidents

激化事件

1881 Meiji Political Crisis

1882 Fukushima jiken

Matsukata *defure* (deflation policies)

1884 Gumma jiken

Kabasan jiken

Chichibu jiken

Liberal Party disbands

1885 Osaka jiken

Discourse by Three Drunkards on Government

Meiji 14 Political Crisis

1881 With Okuma out, finances of new BOJ falls to Matsukata Masayoshi

1881 Kato announces his renunciation of natural rights theory

1882 Matsukata moves Japan to silver standard through engineered deflation

1882 *Jinken shinsetsu* is Kato's new theory of state and rights

Gekika jiken

- Increasing violence
- No longer samurai rights
- Aligned with farmers
- Increasingly radical:
assassinations, bombings
- Many attacks on
prefectural governments



Mishima Michitsune

Chichibu jiken, 1884

- Radicalized vision of *jiyuto*
- *konminto* (poor peoples' party)
- 5-10,000 rebels
- Uprising challenged the Meiji government directly



“Unknown *konminto* soldiers” memorial

Chichibu jiken banners

- Year One of Freedom & Self-Government
- Renew the World (*yonaoshi*)
- “In eight more years, we celebrate a less polluted world”

Kato Hiroyuki

- Studied at Mito
- Meiroku member
- Political Science tutor to Emperor Meiji
- 1882 “tenko”
- President of Tokyo Imperial University 1877-86



Social Darwinism

From Natural Rights to Natural Law

Social Genetics

- fusion of genetics and natural selection is 20c. phenomenon
- Prior to this, everyone “knew” there was evolution, but what was the mechanism by which it took place?

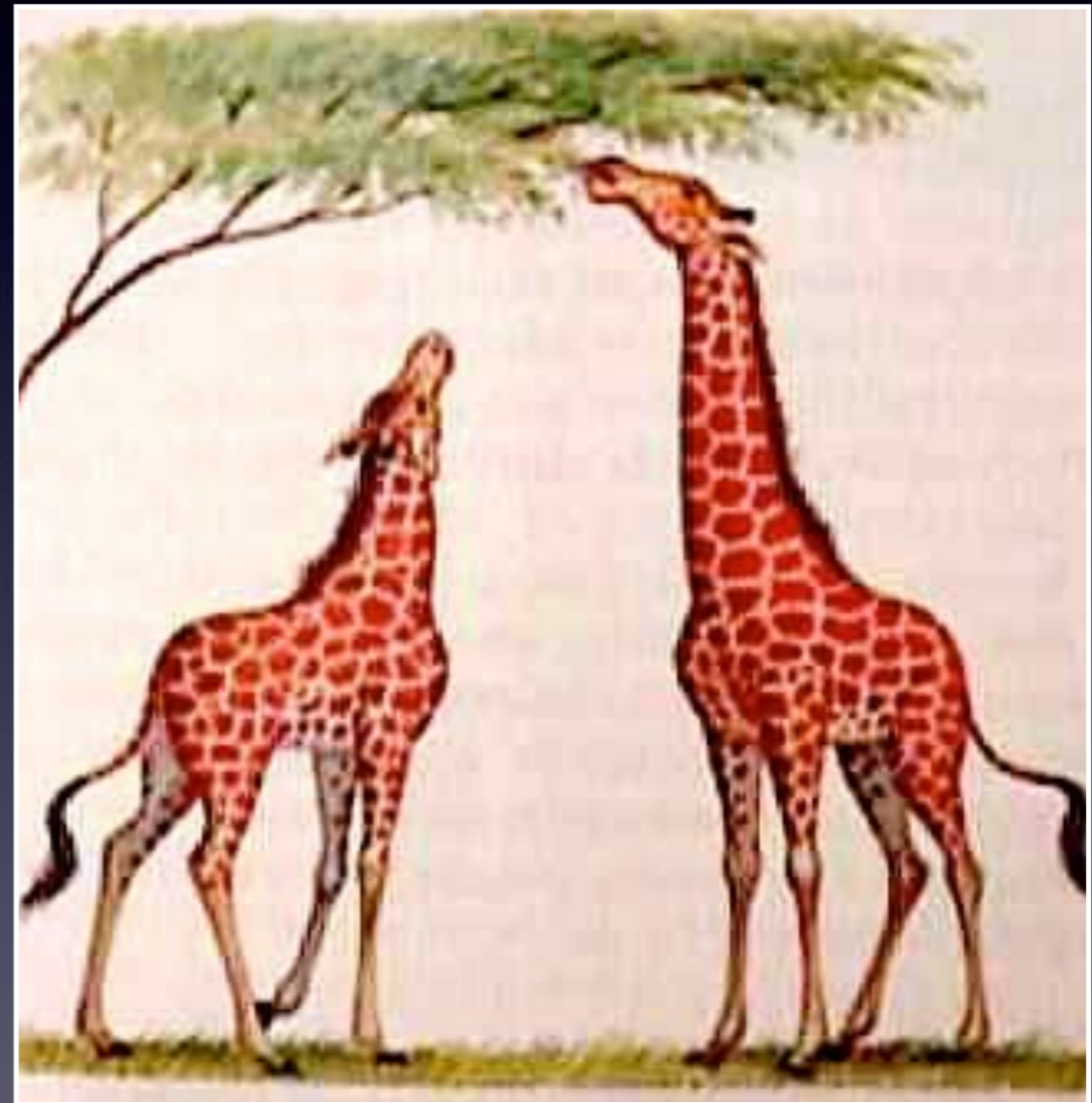
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- Inheritance of acquired characters as mechanism to adapt to changing environment



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Darwin

- “Natural Selection”
- the object of natural selection (Darwin) vs. the subject of evolution (Lamarckism)
- “Survival of the Fittest” is not Darwin’s term (Spencer’s)

Spencer

- Lamarckian use inheritance
- Evolution from simple to complex
- “organic society” (social organism)
- Evolution from Militant to Industrial Society
- Evolution toward equilibrium endpoint

Berlin Conference 1884

- Rise of “new imperialism”
- regulation of the “scramble for Africa”
- “effective occupation” as rule



“Right” (権)

- Right to exercise power
 - *kenri* (権利)
- Natural Rights (Heaven-granted rights)
 - *tenpu jinken* (天賦人權)
- National Rights
 - *kokken* (國權)

經世濟民

keisei-saimin

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經濟

keizai

“economics”