

Celebrity IQs



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Let me lead by stating for the record that I have never taken a Stanford Binet, but I took the GRE at age 18, with no prep, scoring 720 720 720 in 1982.* That is about four years earlier than most people take it. I scored even higher on my PSAT math two years earlier, with a 78, missing only one question.** I had the chance to graduate college after two years at age 19, but delayed graduation to ride my bicycle through Europe. I was *summa cum laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa*, with a 3.9GPA, graduating at age 20 in 1984, and was awarded a full merit scholarship to the LBJ School. In one physics class at UT when I was 18 I ruined the curve with a 100 when the class average was 58. I had the high score on the final test of all first-year astronomy classes. [I was the national Latin champion](#) two years in row based on winning the pentathlon test (NJCL). I list those things because they are completely quantifiable, but most people would admit all that pales in comparison to my bio of the past 25 years. So I think I may claim some insight into this question.

I don't have an IQ score and have never even had one estimated (except by my readers, and I won't tell you what they said). I have not even claimed a ballpark, though you could do that from my GRE if you were so inclined. Mensa does that. You may ask why I never took an IQ test, so I will tell you. My parents never tested me as a child because they wanted very much for me to be normal. They had no desire to have a prodigy, and made that very clear to me. That may or may not have been the right decision, though I will admit I did feel sat on, which may be why—when I finally got out of grade school—I raced ahead like a horse finally allowed to gallop. I didn't take any IQ tests in my twenties because I was already burned out from SATs and GREs and so on, and didn't have money to be wasting on the Stanford Binet. I am not sure I knew what the Stanford Binet was at that time. Later, when I became aware of all this and looked at some practice tests, I found the whole thing to be a joke, to be honest. Scoring intelligence from word jumbles? Really? And the tests seemed to be littered with wrong or ambiguous answers. So as with so many other things, I passed. Not interested. I was not interested in doing word jumbles as a youngster, and never did, so why would I want to learn them now, in order to fake a high score on a fake test?

Plus, I had watched the Marilyn vos Savant brouhaha in the 1990s, where they blackballed her and falsified her bio for not bowing down before the math departments, helping to sour me on academia forever. After that I wanted nothing further to do with the mainstream or any of its metrics.

But let's move on. The two dopes at Makeshift Project at Youtube are promoting super high celebrity IQs based on nothing, though I blame them for nothing but the promotion. They didn't make up this project. The most outrageous is a 187 IQ for Biden, which would make him smarter than Einstein and Newton. Hmmm. Based on what, exactly? An internet search finds no confirmation of that. In fact, it appears his enemies made it up recently to embarrass him. He has never taken or posted an IQ test or score, and never even posted an SAT or LSAT score. [He did make many claims in 1987](#) about his achievements in law school, but as usual they all turned out to be false. He claimed to have been given a full merit scholarship, but wasn't. He claimed to have graduated in the top half of his class, but graduated 76 out of 85, taking four years instead of three. He claimed to win the moot court competition, but didn't. He claimed to have won best political science student at U. of Delaware, but didn't. He claimed to have graduated with three degrees, but even if he just means a triple major, that is also false. In fact, he was accused of plagiarizing papers in law school, and probably graduated only with the usual Phoenician bye. My guess for Biden's IQ would be 95.

Trump's IQ is listed at 148 or 156. Again, based on what? The first result from sociosite.net provides zero confirmation, so we have to wonder why it is toplisted. Same for the second result at iqtest.net, which admits this is an empty claim since Trump has never posted a score, even an SAT score. Never taken a test that we know of. Even Snopes admits no one has ever posted any verifiable data regarding Trump's IQ. Trump has not only NOT released his highschool and college records, his lawyers have threatened to jail anyone who does so. It is known his father pulled strings to get him into U. Penn on a transfer and that he did not graduate with honors. He had zero special achievements as a youth. My guess for Trump's IQ is 105. He is smarter than Biden, but that ain't saying much.

Abe Lincoln's IQ is given as 148, but again that is based on pretty much nothing. Lincoln's bio is all a big fake, as usual, but they admit [he never went to school](#). Not even highschool or grade school. Even when he allegedly studied law, he didn't study with anyone. Self-taught and therefore unverifiable to the end. Wiki tells us he was admitted to the bar at age 27, but curiously fails to tell us how he did that. He had already been an Illinois representative for two years, so of course he wasn't in law school. Did he even pass the bar? According to several sources online, [including Answers.com](#) and ids-water.com (the first two that come up), [he didn't take the bar exam](#). The Illinois Supreme Court issued him a license based on "good character". OK. So, another Phoenician bye. Like everyone else we have looked at, Lincoln progressed on a series of byes. Some places say his IQ is estimated from his speeches, but then as now Presidents had speech writers. So that is indication of nothing. Again we have nothing to go on here. But my guess is that he had the usual Presidential substandard IQ of about 90. These guys are all just frontmen, chosen for their height or their hair or something, and any truly intelligent person would be too proud to work with these people or live such a fraudulent life.

What about Obama, who is given an IQ of 145. Again, a joke, based on nothing. Like Trump, Obama has never released his records, threatening the schools with lawsuits or worse for saying anything, and I have shown [they are likely all fake](#). Obama is the fakest President in history and that is saying A LOT. Not only was he not a US citizen, he didn't go to Harvard Law School at all, much less edit the Law Review. It is doubtful he went to Columbia either, though he may have taken a few classes there. [Prominent professors at Columbia in his major have admitted they never saw him there](#). This is a guy who is lost without a Teleprompter, and even with one he said we had 54 states. Because 50 is such a hard number to remember, right? [A President who doesn't know how many states there are](#). That is the Matrix you are living in. My guess for Obama: 98.

We are told Zuckerberg has an IQ of 152, which is 22 points above Mensa. No chance that is true. He has no history of achievement as a youth, with no special honors from Philips Exeter. We are told he

created Synapse, but that turns out to just be a list of songs on an MP3 player. It is claimed he turned down several offers for that, but Microsoft has not confirmed that. He ended up giving it away opensource, just because he was such a great guy. He got into Harvard, we aren't told how, but dropped out after a year, having achieved zip. You will say he achieved Facebook, but that was no different than many other social media apps, and it went big only because the CIA decided for some reason to back it through DARPA. So that is DARPA's baby, used for spying, not Zuck's. He is just the front. Since then he has done nothing worth reporting in any field. None of his hobbies are interesting. He comes across as very average, even dull. My guess for his IQ: 103.

We are told that Dean Simonton estimated Presidential IQs in 2006, but if you read that paper you will find it is just more empty promotion of famous people, to make you think they are superior and to hide the fact that they aren't. The paper is surprisingly short and not surprisingly empty of all facts. For instance, one of his main criteria is leadership, so it appears everyone was given about 40 extra IQ points just for being President. This is of course to ignore the fact that everyone single one was just a government front and talking head, chosen by a hidden cabal and subverting democracy, based only on being from the families and looking good in a suit (and sometimes not even that). Very few of them had any leadership qualities at all, relying wholly on promotion and fake stories (as we just saw). Despite that, Simonton found no President with an IQ less than 130. So they were all geniuses according to him, even Grant and BushII. It takes some special idiocy or chutzpah to claim BushII had a Mensa IQ, since we all saw him on TV, flubbing the Teleprompter like a moron. Even Reagan called him "the idiot son", and Reagan was a dim bulb himself. I would guess Reagan at 88, Bush I at 86, and BushII at 80. Grant was also in the 85 range, along with Kamala Harris.

However, I find that YahooNews item from 2024 was also misreported, with the numbers not matching those reported at Wikipedia. There we find BushII at 119, still ridiculous, and Clinton at 149. Though I would agree Clinton is much smarter than Bush, we found Clinton's resume also hugely faked here. I would guess him at around 110, which is indeed much higher than the Presidential norm. I would guess someone like Jefferson and Quincy Adams higher, but not much. Maybe 120. Reeves claims Kennedy scored 119 on an actual IQ test, though I couldn't find which one (Simonton listed Kennedy at 151). Nixon may have been in the same 110-120 range.

At any rate, we have Dean Simonton pegged as a shameless toady without further research, don't we? We also find him attacking people like me:

He also found that an association of creativity with psychopathic traits was more apparent in artists than in scientists, and that artists who operate in expressive, subjective, or romantic styles display more psychopathology than those who operate in classical or academic styles. [12]

He was apparently doing that even before I came along, so I guess it wasn't personal, but still. Seems like Simonton didn't really like people with higher intelligence or more interesting bios than him, doesn't it? I wonder why? I am sure we could see through this if we really squinted.

He has fourteen books since 1984, when he was about 36 (his age is not listed, but he was born around 1948). All are on genius or creativity, but four are already out of print. I have published in the past 24 years the equivalent of 145 books online (each book being about 350 pages). He published one book every 2.5 years. I published on average about six books a year for 24 straight years. No one that wasn't publishing pulp fiction has ever done that.

I love the title of his last book in 2018:

The Genius Checklist: Nine Paradoxical Tips on How You Can Become a Creative Genius.

Ah, so being a creative genius is a nine-step program anyone can achieve, is it? Good to know. He needed just one more book after that:

How to Crash from Academic Fraud to Self-Help Worm in just a Couple of Decades.

But let's look at some more IQ claims. Vin Diesel is said to have an IQ of 137, and Snoop Dogg is at 147. Lady Gaga is said to have a higher IQ than Charles Darwin at 166. Tarantino allegedly has an IQ of 160. Taylor Swift is listed at 126. Ben Affleck is 154. Melania Trump is 200. No, really. Regarding Snoop, that is based on him saying he was a creative genius and “really brilliant”. Regarding Diesel, it is based on . . . nothing. Same for the rest of these people, and many others. I could find no celebrity that had actually taken a known IQ test like the Stanford Binet or Mega, or that had even posted an SAT, GRE, MCAT, or other test score. Hundreds of results are top-listed claiming Mensa itself issued a press release, but it was admitted by *Huffington Post* this was false. Mensa denied issuing anything like that. [As it turns out](#), all these results are reprints of the same fake story from a Mexican online site that just made up the numbers from thin air in about 2013. Just what I expected to discover, but that still leaves us with the question of why all the big search engines promote this fake news as real. Even IMDB reprints this crap.

Showing again how upside-down the world is, these same sites list Marilyn vos Savant, but give her an IQ of 186, below that of some of these celebrities. This despite the fact that she is the only one who has an official test result, and it isn't 186. **It is 228.** They are listing her raw score instead of her ranked score, which is not the way to do it. I am not saying she is that much smarter than everyone, but if they are going to have these IQ tests they should at least report them honestly. Punishing Marilyn because she disagreed with some guys about Fermat is wildly dishonest. Marilyn is really *really* good at word jumbles and brief math problems, and was even as a little girl, so why not admit it?

I could believe someone like Meryl Streep has a high IQ, in the 140 range, but even she seems very limited in breadth. For the rest of these celebrities, the numbers aren't even close. Snoop and Swift are 90s, if that. Tiger Woods isn't above 115. Anyone with high intelligence would be bored playing golf all day for 40 years. Tarantino is actually a highschool dropout and doesn't seem to know anything but old movie trivia. He isn't even smart enough to keep his mouth shut in interviews. He has succeeded by perfectly matching the low-IQ geekiness of his milieu, and I would guess him at 105, but only in one category: nostalgia. In all other categories he is sub-100. Bill Gates (typo, but stet, I like it) is listed at 160, for scoring 1590 on his SAT. Except that the same site says Bush II scored 1206 on his SAT and Kesha scored a 1500. We know Bush couldn't score 1200 if he took it twice and added the scores, and Kesha promoters have since been caught in a lie, since although she dropped out of highschool, we were told for years she got her GED. She recently admitted that wasn't true. Can't pass a GED, which I could have passed at 12, but she took an SAT and aced it? Why would she take an SAT when she wasn't in highschool and wasn't planning to go to college? We have also [caught Gates in many lies](#), including perhaps most importantly the lie of his name and his birth certificate. So forgive me if I don't believe he scored 1590. If he did, he must have cribbed it. From watching him speak, I would guess his IQ in the 95 range. He seems subnormal in every way, and always has.

So who would I guess the highest in history? I have shamed all these frauds, so who *wasn't* a fraud?

Leonardo wasn't a fraud. If Marilyn has an IQ of 228, we have to give Leonardo at least a 300. But if we don't allow numbers that high, we can still give him 200 as a top score, ranking down from there. At the level below him we find people like Archimedes, Democritus, Aristotle, Goethe, Tesla, and Galileo. Then we might find Omar Khayyam, Descartes, Rutherford, Pascal, Leibniz, Newton, Hooke, Maxwell, Faraday, Bernoulli, Bacon, Laplace, Michelangelo and so on. Needless to say, no current celebrities, movie stars, musicians, or sports stars come within 60 points of these guys.

Steve Martin, who is given a 142 IQ in these lists based on nothing, lampooned the idea long ago in one of his acts, to his credit. He started out by extolling Leonardo as the greatest genius, then said he wanted to be a genius like Leonardo . . . which is why he took up juggling. He's a funny guy, there's no denying it. And a good banjo player. But probably not three deviations. Maybe two. That said, I would believe him in the 140s long before I would believe Snoop or Trump. Maybe Trump should try balloon folding.

Added June 19, 2025: I just became aware of some Korean named Younghoon Kim (fake name alert) who they now claim has an IQ of 276, since he is in the news this week claiming to be a Christian and confirming the afterlife. I think he is right about the afterlife, but for the rest he is a fraud since any test claiming to confirm a 276 IQ must be flawed. Why? Well, being a genius, [he should know this](#): a score of 172 is already one in a million, and it quickly goes up from there. 190 is one in a billion and 195 is one in 8 billion, so he would be the smartest man in the world at 195. They are saying he is the smartest in history, but Marilyn vos Savant was already that at 228, since 200 is already one in 39 billion. 228 is over 1 in a trillion, so 276 would be three more standard deviations and many many zeroes above that, making the score more than meaningless. It is an absurdity. 228 was already a mathematical absurdity, which should have concerned the mathematician vos Savant ([and Terry Tao](#), who is said to have a similar IQ), but we never hear anything about it. Like Trump, they are satisfied to have these ridiculous numbers attached to their names while producing very little of intellectual import. But 276 is even more ridiculous, since it is so far off the charts it is a joke. 228 was already two deviations off the chart, and 276 is five, so if they were runners instead of fake geniuses, it would be like being told they were running the 100m dash in .0000000001 seconds.

*My mother scored 800 on her GRE math at age 21 in 1962. When she entered graduate school in math at Texas Tech soon thereafter, the head of the department sent her scores back, thinking they were wrong. That may be because the 99 percentile for women in 1962 was 660. So it is possible her 800 was the only one scored by a woman that year. Her mother was also *Phi Beta Kappa*, in about 1932 at Oklahoma University, but grandmother wasn't nearly as smart as my mother. Nonetheless, a woman being nominated *Phi Beta Kappa* was fairly rare in those years, I believe. Only about 10% of women went to college back then, with only 1 in 10 graduating. Less than 10% of those would be nominated, so grandmother was 1 in 1000 or better.

She was more excited than I was by my nomination in 1984. In fact I had decided to decline. I was in a particularly rebellious stage that year and I remember I didn't want to pay the \$40 initiation fee. I felt UT, a very rich university, should cover it; and I honestly didn't think it was much of a honor if I had to pay for it. Although I guess it was just to cover the banquet and the keys and the invitations and so on. But my mother went over my head and paid the fee without telling me.

I almost didn't graduate at all, come to think of it. I came very near dropping out of school that last semester, just a couple of months from graduating. I had already pegged the whole thing as an utter waste of time and money, and was fighting with my parents about my future. They wanted me to go to law school but I was sure I

didn't want to do that. I wanted to be an artist but got no encouragement from anyone in that direction. Everyone was sure it couldn't be done. The art schools weren't teaching art anymore anyway, so I didn't know what to do. I felt trapped and decided I would drop out to make a statement. I didn't, though I don't remember exactly why. Probably because it seemed as pointless as not dropping out. So I just spun my wheels for a couple of months and it all happened without my participation. This all came back to me because I remembered that 3.9 GPA was achieved with a C in my final semester. UT required six hours of government, but allowed you to test out of only the first three. So I put off that second government course until my last semester. It was taught in a huge auditorium by a professor with a stick up his ass from having to teach this hated course. I don't think I sat through more than the first lecture, since it was excruciating. And of course everything was graded by holier-than-thou teaching assistant graduate students who hated to give anyone an A, and would do so only for the creepy-crawliest bootlickers. My grade was based on a long final paper that wasn't that bad, and I probably could have gotten the grade bumped up to at least a B. I had done it before. Most profs were aware their teaching assistants were fascists. But by that time I just didn't care.

Just so you know, I finally started painting full-time in the fall of 1987, at age 24. Within two years I had landed a couple of galleries and was making a subsistence living. 1993, age 29, was my first really successful year. I got a gallery in Taos and they and my other galleries sold about \$100,000 worth of paintings that year, netting me about \$60,000. So all those who said it couldn't be done were wrong.

**I even got the question right with a wrong answer, which the College Board had to change that year. That could be why I never trusted these tests. Actually, there were many other reasons, and I will tell you another one while we are at it. As you can see, I got bored with this paper pretty fast, side-stepping into my own bio to keep up my interest, and probably yours. I have told you about the bad UIL physics tests in my senior year in highschool, but I haven't told you about the horrible Latin test I experienced that same year. As you may remember from previous bios, the Junior Classical League is surprising huge and runs conventions and tests at the national, state, and local levels. Texas and Virginia had outsize representation back then, don't ask me why. Virginia makes some sense, but Texas? Anyway, we are going to look at the Texas state meet in the spring of my senior year, 1981. I was coming in as the national champ from 1979 and 1980, and had also swept the district meet two years in a row in Amarillo. I wouldn't be going to nationals in 1981, since it was after graduation and my teacher Pina Jardine was ill. Nobody from our school would be going and I didn't want to go alone. Besides, I had a girlfriend that summer, so it was out of the question. This meant the state meet would be my swansong, so I wanted to go out on a high. There was also a \$500 scholarship for the high score by a senior on the decathlon, so I wanted to be sure I snagged that. My specialties were grammar and decathlon, but I was so dominant in grammar I didn't bother to study. I spent all my time filling in the corners on mythology and roman history, in which I wasn't quite as strong. Each test was 100 questions, and I took the grammar test first. It was exactly what I was used to and I ended up scoring 97 out of 100, winning my year as well as high score overall. Meaning I beat the 4th year students as well. So I was pretty shocked when I saw the decathlon test. Many questions seemed to allow for more than one answer, and others didn't even make sense. The test read like it had been written by someone on the bad end of a bender. I missed three of the ten grammar questions, and scored only a 59. And no, I hadn't missed breakfast or forgotten to sleep. I took both tests on the same day, within an hour of eachother. The winning score was 60—a girl from Amarillo. From past tests, you would expect the winning decathlon score to be about 80-85, not 60. Although I was edged by one, I still got the scholarship, since she was a junior. But that hardly mattered to me. I knew the test was badly compromised, and anyone could tell that just from the winning score. No one had been able to make sense of it. I tried to file a protest, but I was probably talking to the guy who wrote the test (though the author wasn't indicated). No one would listen because they weren't prepared to do a redo with a different test. There was no protocol for that, or anything else. It was what it was.

That test, along with the bad physics tests, had taught me a painful lesson: I was often more of a test for the test than it was of me. The test often had more wrong answers on it than I did. There is no way the same guy that just missed 3 out of a 100 should be missing 3 out of 10 on the same material. So were the three misses mine or the author's? At least two of them were the author's. We saw that even on the PSAT, where I missed one and the national authors at College Board missed one on the same test. Hard to believe that could happen, since I

was just 16 and this was highschool level math. But given what I have discovered about academia since then, not so hard to believe.