

How Social Darwinism is different from Darwinism

Darwinism

Diversify & Survive

Start:

1 single species (single cell organisms)



1. Individuals acquire new attributes at random



2. Attributes are thinned out by natural selection



3. If they are well disposed to survival and are reproducible, they form a new species



4. If environmental conditions change species will go extinct, others become dominant



End:

- Diversity of species
- Future is complex and unpredictable



Social Darwinism

Conform or Perish

Start:

Multiple civilizational models



1. Human societies are naturally diverse



2. Diversity affects their ability to survive



3. Through a process of social selection (war, colonization, adoption) the best model prevails



4. Inferior models will either conform to the dominant one or be condemned to extinction



End:

- Convergence to best model
- Future is simple and predictable

