

## Evolution: Theory or Theorem?

*Should evolution be the only origin theory taught in school?*

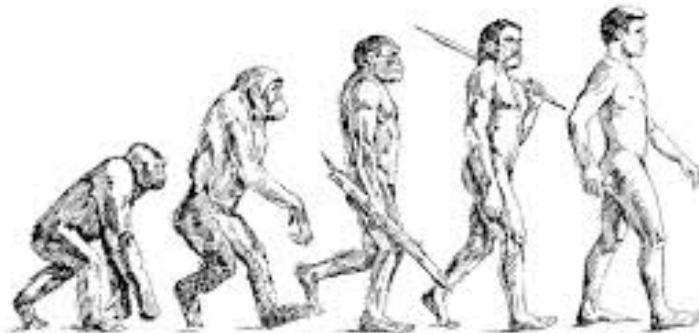
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## Abstract

Teaching evolution and creationism in public schools is an important topic in the United States. There have been many court cases involving this very subject. The pendulum is constantly swinging back and forth with the Butler Act in 1925 and the separation of church and state decision made in the *Everson vs. Board of Education* Supreme Court case in 1947. I was curious if the pendulum is swinging back towards creation, so I surveyed some of the brightest students in North Carolina that are involved with the Summer Ventures program. Summer Ventures is focused around S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), so I was shocked with the results. 70.5% of people in Summer Ventures at UNC Charlotte 2013 believed that creation should be taught along with evolution in science classes. I found a survey taken by the People for the American Way and compared their results with mine using hypothesis testing. I found that more students from Summer Ventures wanted creation to be taught in public schools than America as a whole.