

Survival of the fittest

- 1 Regarding Jonathan Steele's review of *Insatiable* by Stuart Sim (7 April): note that insatiable greed, the profit motive and competition are not the only aspects of human nature that conform to the Darwinian principle of 'survival of the fittest'.
- 2 'Fittest' in *On the Origin of Species* means best adapted to survive. Adaption to survive a hostile environment is actually more likely to result in cooperation between members of the same species than in selfish individuality.
- 3 This matters because the selfish interpretation of 'survival of the fittest' is used to justify behaviour that threatens to destroy our species.
44 is the only strategy that will ensure our species can adapt in time to remain 'fittest' to survive in an environment being degraded by selfish individualism.

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