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Sommario/riassunto

Presents 20 articles that form the backbone of Boyd and Richerson's path-breaking work on evolution and culture. This work assumes that culture is crucial for understanding human behaviour; unlike other organisms, socially transmitted beliefs, attitudes, and values heavily influence our behaviour. It also states that culture is part of biology.
