

Table S1. Detailed summary of variables used in the study.

Variable	SCCS Variable	SCCS Coding	Coding	Source
DEPENDENT VARIABLES				
Frequent Interpersonal Violence	Moderate or frequent interpersonal violence (v666)	1 Absent, 2 Present	0 Absent, 1 Present	Sanday 1981
Warriors Have Prestige	Prestige of warriors (v903)	1 Great deal, 2 Some, 3 None	0 None or some, 1 Great deal	Otterbein 1970
Wives Taken From Hostile Groups	Wives taken from hostile groups (v870)	0 No female captives 1 Taken but not married 2 Taken as wives or concubines	0 No female captives 1 Women taken	White 1988
Male Scarification	Scarification, including piercings and tattoos (v1694)	1 No scarification 2 Ear, nose piercing 3 Tattooing and cicatrisation 4 Scarification includes removal of skin	0 Absent, 1 Present	Ludvico and Kurland 1995
INDEPENDENT VARIABLES				
Polygyny	Polygamy (v79)	1 Polyandry, 2 Monogamy, 3 Polygyny (<20%), 4 Polygyny (>20%)	0 Non-polygynous 1 Polygynous	Murdock & Wilson 1972
Wives (Median): Upper 50 th %ile	# of Wives (variance) (v2176b)	n/a ¹	0 Lower 50 th %ile, 1 Upper 50 th %ile	White 1988
Sex Ratio: Lower 50 th %ile	Sex Ratio (v1689)	# males / # females x 1000	0 Upper 50 th %ile, 1 Lower 50 th %ile	Ember & Ember 1992
Male War Mortality ¹	None	n/a	0 None or negligible, 1 >negligible	n/a
Males Expend Subsistence Effort	Relative time and effort expended on subsistence activities (v586)	1 Men clearly more 2 Men and women roughly equal 3 Women clearly more	0 Women more 1 Equal or men more	Whyte 1978
Frequent Warfare	Warfare (v679)	1 Absent or occasional or periodic 2 Frequent or endemic	0 Absent or occasional 1 Frequent or endemic	Murdock 1962-71
Political Complexity	Jurisdictional hierarchy beyond the local community (v237)	1 No political authority beyond comm. 2 One level (e.g., petty chiefdoms) 3 Two levels (e.g., larger chiefdoms) 4 Three levels 5 Four levels (e.g., states)	0 no state 1 states	
Region	Region (v200)V1858	1 Africa (exclusive of Madagascar and Sahara) 2 Circum-Mediterr. (N. Africa, Europe, Turkey, Caucasus, Semitic Near East) 3 East Eurasia (including Madagascar and Islands in Indian Ocean) 4 Insular Pacific (including Australia, Indonesia, Formosa, Phillipines) 5 North America (indigenous societies to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec) 6 South America (including Antilles, Yucatan, Central America)		Murdock 1962-71

¹ Unpublished data on male war mortality provided by Carol Ember. The original was an interval variable ranging from 0 (lowest) to 6 (highest). We recoded it as 0=none or negligible (0 from original) and 1=higher male mortality (1-6 from original). These data were also used by Quinlan and Quinlan (2007).