

Supplementary Materials:

Male Aggressiveness as Intrasexual Contest Competition in 78 Societies.

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Table S1 Detailed summary of independent variables.

Table S2 Detailed summary of dependent variables.

Table S3 Data. Column headings: (a) Society ID; (b) Society Name; (c) Latitude; (d) Longitude; (e) Male Sexual Aggressiveness; (f) Aggression Valued; (g) Ideology of Male Toughness; (h) Frequent Interpersonal Violence; (i) Wives Taken from Hostile Groups; (j) Warriors Have Prestige; (k) Male Scarification; (l) Male 'Aggressiveness' (Behavior and Beliefs Related to Male Aggression; 1st PCA of h-k); (m) Polygyny; (n) Number of Wives (Variance): Upper 50th Percentile; (o) Sex Ratio (M/F): Lower 50th Percentile; (p) Male War Mortality; (q) Males Expend As Much or More Subsistence Effort as Women; (r) Political Complexity; (s) Warfare; (t) Region; (u) DV (Spatial); (v) Polygyny (Spatial); (w) Wives Variance (Spatial); (x) Sex Ratio (Spatial); (y) Male War Mortality (Spatial); and, (z) Male Subsistence (Spatial). Original data available at: <http://eclectic.ss.uci.edu/~drwhite/scs/>

Table S4 Tetrachoric correlations amongst predictors of interest.

Table S1 Detailed summary of independent variables

Variable	SCCS Variable (v#)	SCCS Coding	Coding	Source ⁴
Polygyny	Polygamy (v79)	1 Polyandry, 2 Monogamy, 3 Polygyny (<20%), 4 Polygyny (>20%)	0 Non-polygynous 1 Polygynous	Murdock & Wilson 1972
Number of Wives (Variance): Upper 50 th %ile	# of Wives (variance) (v2176)	n/a ¹	0 Lower 50 th %ile 1 Upper 50 th %ile	White 1988
Sex Ratio (males to females): Lower 50 th %ile	Sex Ratio (v1689)	n/a ² # males / # females x 1000	0 Upper 50 th %ile 1 Lower 50 th %ile	Ember & Ember 1992
Male War Mortality	None	n/a ³	0 None or negligible 1 More than negligible	n/a ³
Male 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
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)	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 Variance in number of wives is a continuous variable; percentiles calculated using all non-missing values from entire 186-society sample.

² Sex ratio is a continuous variable calculated as (# of males/ # of females) x 1000; percentiles calculated using all non-missing from entire 186-society sample.

³ 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).

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Table S2 Detailed summary of dependent variables

Variable	SCCS Variable (v#)	SCCS Coding	Coding	Source ¹
Frequent Interpersonal Violence	Moderate or frequent interpersonal violence (v666)	1 Absent 2 Present	0 Absent 1 Present	Sanday 1981
Warriors Have Prestige	Prestige associated with being a soldier or warrior (v903)	1 Great deal 2 Some 3 None	0 None or some 1 Great deal	Wheeler 1974
Wives Taken From Hostile Groups	Additional wives or concubines from slavery or capture in warfare (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 & Kurland 1995
Aggression Valued	High value placed on males being aggressive, strong, and sexually potent (v625)	1 Marked emphasis 2 Moderate emphasis 3 Little or no emphasis	0 Little 1 Moderate or marked	Whyte 1978
Ideology of Male Toughness	Ideology of male toughness (v664)	1 Absent 2 Present	0 Absent 1 Present	Sanday 1981
Male Sexual Aggressiveness	Male sexual aggressiveness (v175)	1 Men diffident, shy 2 Men sexually forward but not diffident 3 Men forward verbally 4 Men forward physically 5 Men forward; hostile occasionally 6 Men forward; hostile typically	0 Men diffident, shy 1 Men forward, sometimes hostile	Broude & Greene 1976
Male 'Aggressiveness'	--	--	1 st principal component of Frequent Interpersonal Violence, Warriors have Prestige, Wives Taken from Hostile Groups, and Male Scarification	--

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	<i>Polygyny:</i>		<i>Sex Ratio:</i>		<i>Other Factors:</i>
	Polygynous	Wives (Variance): Upper 50 th %ile	Sex Ratio: Lower 50 th %ile	Male War Mortality	Male Subsistence Effort
<i>Polygyny:</i>					
Polygynous	--	See note ¹	$\varrho = -0.14$ n= 59 p= 0.75	$\varrho = -0.16$ n= 80 p= 0.44	$\varrho = -0.40$ n= 88 p= 0.17
Wives (Variance): Upper 50 th %ile	--	--	$\varrho = -0.26$ n= 10 p= 1.00	$\varrho = 0.82$ n= 16 p= 0.04	$\varrho = -0.09$ n= 27 p= 1.00
<i>Sex Ratio:</i>					
Sex Ratio: Lower 50 th %ile	--	--	--	$\varrho = -0.03$ n= 27 p= 1.00	$\varrho = 0.27$ n= 26 p= 0.67
Male Mortality from War	--	--	--	--	$\varrho = 0.04$ n= 38 p= 1.00
<i>Other Factors:</i>					
Male Subsistence Effort	--	--	--	--	--

¹ We could not calculate the correlation between the two polygyny predictors because there are no cases of non-polygynous societies in the upper 50th %ile for variance in number of wives