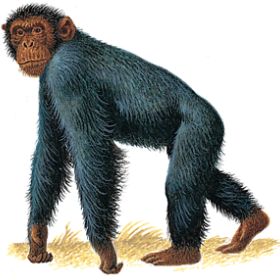


## How 'tribal' are you?



*The Naked Ape: A Zoologist's Study of the Human Animal* is a book by zoologist Desmond Morris that looks at humans as a species and compares them to other animals.



Desmond Morris considers humans as being simply another animal species in this classic book first published in 1967. Here is the Naked Ape at his most primal in love, at work, at war. Meet man as he really is: relative to the apes, stripped of his veneer as we see him courting; making love; sleeping; socialising; grooming; playing. The Naked Ape takes its place alongside Darwin's *Origin of the Species*, presenting man not as a fallen angel, but as a risen ape, remarkable in his resilience, energy and imagination, yet an animal nonetheless, in danger of forgetting his origins.

Desmond Morris, the author, who had been the curator of mammals at London Zoo, said his book was intended to popularise and demystify science. Morris framed many features of human behavior in the context of evolution at a time when cultural explanations were more orthodox

The provocative book shed new light on our own behaviour and society, describing our ways of "feeding, sleeping, fighting, mating and rearing young".

According to Desmond Morris's *The Naked Ape*

- A chimpanzee flourishes in groups of 30
- A gorilla - our nearest animal comparator - flourishes in groups of 12 before fights break out between males or between females
- Human Beings flourish in groups of 4 or less.

It is worth considering:

- How many of you have been in groups of 25 to 30, like chimpanzees, in the last month?
- How many of you have been in groups of 10 to 12, like gorillas?
- And how many have been in a group of four?

Why do we assume that people receiving care should be chimpanzees or gorillas?



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