

## Genetics traces Gypsies to ancient Indian origin

The Romani people—once known as “gypsies” or Roma—have been objects of both curiosity and [persecution](#) for centuries. Today, some 11 million Romani, with a variety of cultures, languages and lifestyles, live in Europe—and beyond. But where did they come from?

Earlier studies of their [language](#) and cursory analysis of genetic patterns pinpointed India as the group’s [place of origin](#) and a later influence of Middle Eastern and Central Asian linguistics. But [a new study](#) uses [genome-wide sequencing](#) to point to a single group’s departure from northwestern India some 1,500 years ago and has also revealed various subsequent population changes as the population spread throughout Europe.

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