

Napoleon Chagnon on the DNA of violence: Do killers have more kids?

The following is an editorial summary.

Controversial anthropologist and Yanomamö expert Napoleon Chagnon's embrace of sociobiology has always irritated extremist cultural anthropologists, many of whom put ideology and political correctness ahead of science. In a provocative review of [*Noble Savages*](#), the controversial memoir of Chagnon's years with the isolated Amazonian tribe, Charles Mann explores the uncomfortable, hard-wired realities of human nature.

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Additional Resources:

- "[Tribal Warfare: 'Noble Savages,' by Napoleon A. Chagnon](#)," New York Times
- "[NOBLE SAVAGES: My Life Among Two Dangerous Tribes—the Yanomamö and the Anthropologists](#)," Kirkus Reviews
- "[Noble Savages: My Life Among Two Dangerous Tribes—The Yanomamö and the Anthropologists](#)," Publishers Weekly