

## Europeans are one big family

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DNA analyses of people across the European continent suggest that right from Ireland to the Balkans, Europeans are basically one big family closely related to one another for the past thousand years, according to a study published in the journal [PLoS Biology](#).

The study was conducted by Graham Coop, a professor of evolution and ecology at the University of California, Davis, along with co-author Peter Ralph, now a professor at the University of Southern California.

“What’s remarkable about this is how closely everyone is related to each other. On a genealogical level, everyone in Europe traces back to nearly the same set of ancestors only a thousand years ago,” Coop, co-author of the study, said in a [news release](#). “This was predicted in theory over a decade ago, and we now have concrete evidence from DNA data

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