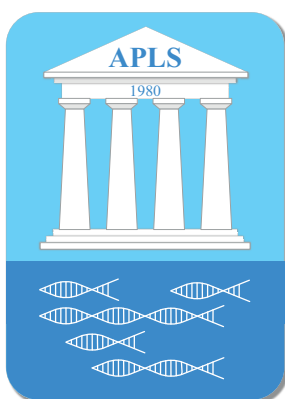


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Six chimpanzees (*Pan troglodytes*) walk along a wheel track in a road cut by their second-closest living evolutionary relatives, *Homo sapiens*, best of the primates at tools and war. Over five decades, eighteen chimpanzee communities and four bonobo (*Pan paniscus*) communities have been observed for lethal aggression. Chimpanzee groups, but not bonobo groups, were found often to have attacked each other and, when odds were favorable, to have killed conspecifics. Chimpanzees were thought to have killed one hundred fifty-three of their own kind, bonobos one. Had chimpanzees been perverted by contacts with humans? An old question with a new and secure answer: no. Propensity for lethal aggression was unrelated to degree of human contact. A road may have come to mark a group's border, but the urge to patrol such a border — or to advance it at another community's expense — must have proved more adaptive for one *Pan* species than for the other. (This photograph was taken by Professor John C. Mitani, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan. We appreciate the courtesy of its use. Professor Mitani also co-authored the first- and second-cited studies in Johnson & Thayer, "The evolution of offensive realism: survival under anarchy from the Pleistocene to the present," the lead article in this issue of *Politics and the Life Sciences*.)

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