



# Reproductive inequality in humans and other mammals

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**To address claims of human exceptionalism, we determine where humans fit within the greater mammalian distribution of reproductive inequality. We show that humans exhibit lower reproductive skew (i.e., inequality in the number of surviving offspring) among males and smaller sex differences in reproductive skew than most other mammals, while nevertheless falling within the mammalian range. Additionally, female reproductive skew is higher in polygynous human populations than in polygynous**

## Significance

How and why do human systems of marriage and reproduction differ from comparable systems in other mammals? To answer

