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Grandmothering and Human Evolution: Some Updates

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Abstract:

The grandmother hypothesis initially aimed to explain why senescence slowed in our lineage while female fertility still ends at about the same age in humans and our closest living cousins, the great apes. Possible consequences of grandmothering now extend from human post-menopausal longevity, later maturity and shorter birth intervals with shifts in child care and nutrition, to socially precocious infancy, and our appetite for mutual understanding - as well as the pervasive human habit of pair bonding.

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