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Comments: This paper started off nicely, but it was cut off short. The word count is not even a third of the word count limit. Unfortunately the paper doesn't display that any reading for week 4 was done, although it does refer to readings covered in the course in general, and shows an understanding of the nature of egalitarianism among the San and the Mbuti. You clearly know what the main message covered in the course about the nature of hunter-gatherer societies is, just lacked stamina for the last week. Trust yourself more, next time you can do it!

How different social groups maintain order.

Everywhere in the world In the world in all social groups there is an innate need for social order. If this is the Euro-America view on social order which tends to be a more sexist and with financial gain comes power kind of view, or the Mbuti who don't treat anyone as higher in power and children have their own political system. The Euro-American view seems to be the only example that is one of a self gaining nature, compared to many of the social groups in Africa who share everything in life to maintain a equal power structure.

The san are a groups of indigenous Hunter- gathers also know as the bushmen of Africa, and whose territories span Botswana, Namibia, Angola, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Lesotho and South Africa. Their core belief is equality within the group , the prime example of this is the way they share the food within the group . The hunters of the group are the men and if the best hunter were to kill an animal he is to share it with the full group , mainly having food to the family of weakest hunter . The strongest hunter will only get a small amount more himself then others despite himself killing the animal , this idea is to keep the hunter from becoming hierarchical and causing a power struggle .The SAN aim to work as a collective and only as that , the very fact that they depend on each other is one of the main things that keeps the group at as an equal , they all depend on each-other for something no one is above anyone for this reason.If we look at this compared to the view of the Euro-American view on social order which tends to be a more egoltacianism view to things , a view that leans more to the financial gain rather than that of sharing and helping as a group we feel the need to have a single leader who will guide us in the pursuit of self gain .

The mbuti are another example of a indigenous group who reside in the forest of the Congo . Having the same view on the way the social structure of the group should be run as the San , the only difference is the way in which their children are allowed to have Freedoms.

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Commented [J2]: This is a great example!

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