

Table 5-3. The global distribution of cultures, and proportions of simple cultures, in the Volhard, Murdock and White, and Sanday samples

	Volhard	Murdock & White: World Ethnographic Atlas & Standard Sample							Sanday Subset, M&W Sample			
	Cultures w/reported cannibal practices	Cultures in atlas	Est., all ade. descr. cult.	Indep. clusters in atlas	Est., all indep. clusters	Sample of indep. cult.	Of which: Stateless & minimal		Cultures with adequate:			
	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	No. [7]	% [8]	General data [9]	& Cann. data [10]	Of which: Stateless/min.	
											No. [11]	% [12]
Subsaharan Africa	400	239	239	85	85	28	17	61%	24	15		
Oceania (Insular Pacific)	352	128	178	70	80	31	24	77%	27	21		
North America	23	218	218	69	69	33	30	91%	31	23		
Central & S. America	100	89	100	67	70	32	28	88%	25	14		
Eurasia	40	188	343	121	129	62	30	48%	49	36		
Circum-Mediterranean		95	200	55	57	28	9	32%	19	13		
E. Eurasia		93	143	66	72	34	21	62%	30	23		
World Total	914	862	1078	412	433	186	129	69%	156	109	7.4	68%
Subsaharan Africa	44%	28%	22%	21%	20%	15%	13%		15%	14%		
Oceania (Insular Pacific)	38%	15%	17%	17%	18%	17%	19%		17%	19%		
North America	3%	25%	20%	17%	16%	18%	23%		20%	21%		
Central & S. America	11%	10%	9%	16%	16%	17%	22%		16%	13%		
Eurasia	4%	22%	32%	29%	30%	33%	23%		31%	33%		
Circum-Mediterranean		11%	19%	13%	13%	15%	7%		12%	12%		
E. Eurasia		11%	13%	16%	17%	18%	16%		19%	21%		
World Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%		100%	100%		

Sources: Sanday (1986), Volhard (1939), Murdock & White (1969), and Murdock (1981)