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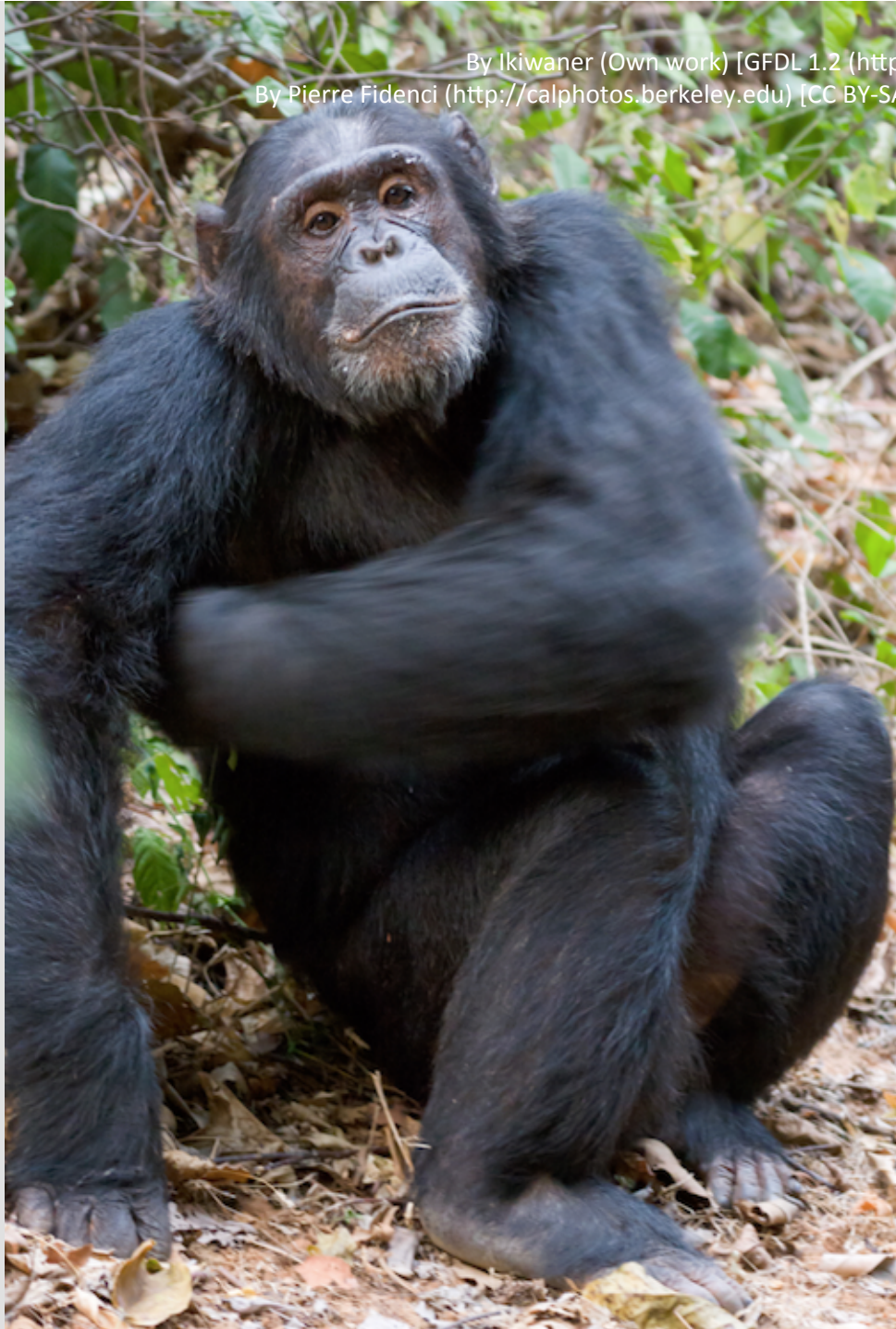
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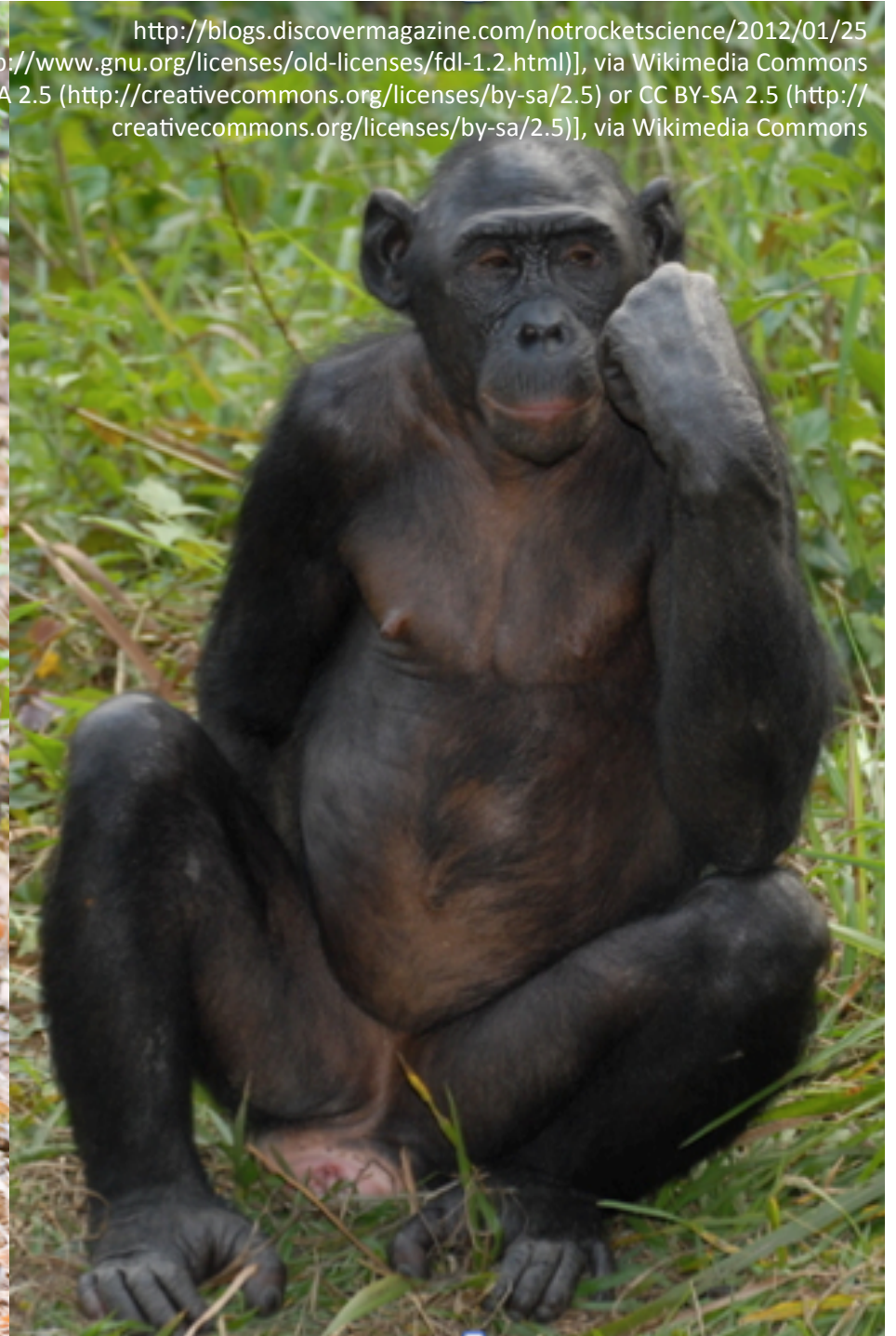
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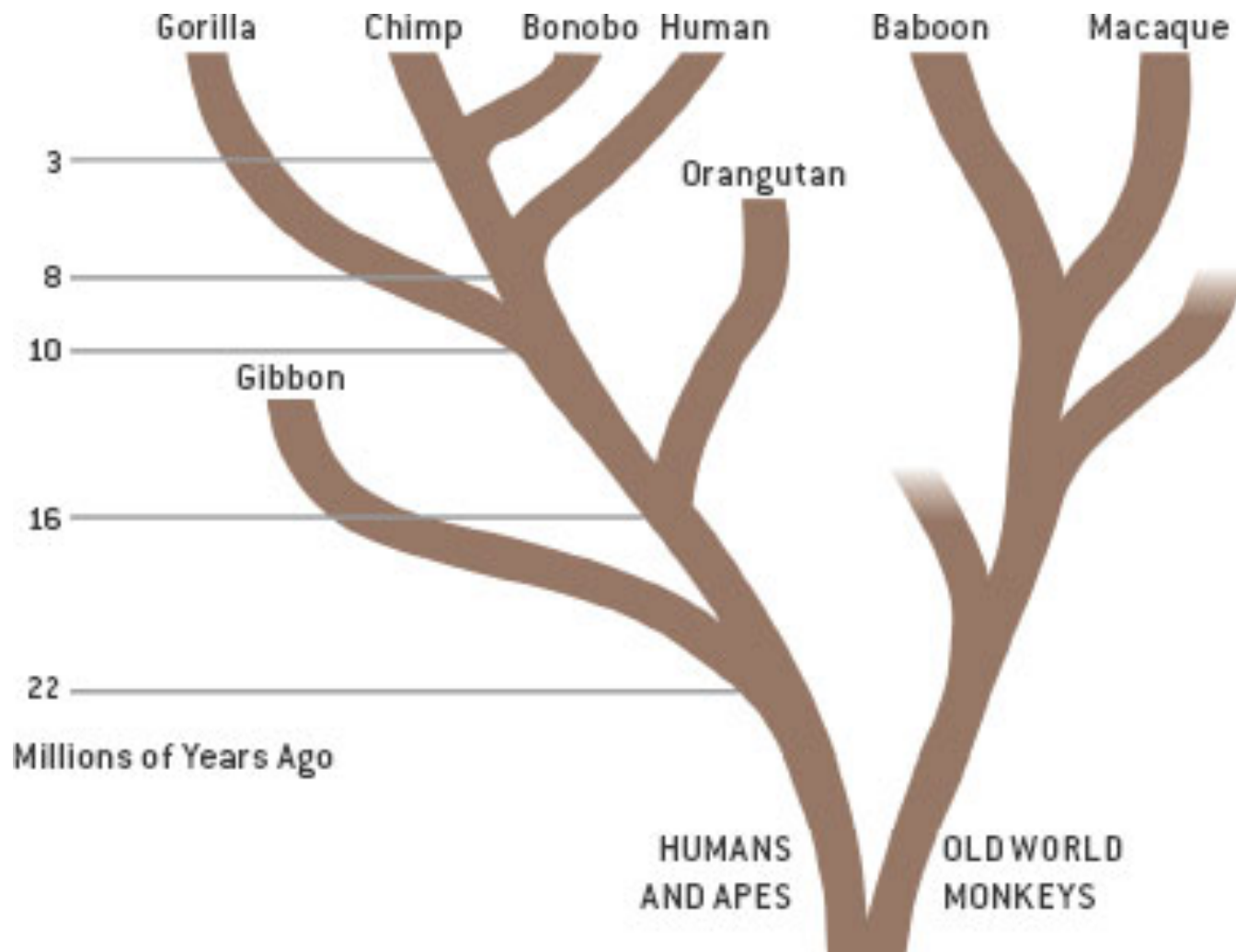
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“Being both more systematically brutal than chimps and more empathic than bonobos, we are by far the most bipolar ape. Our societies are never completely peaceful, never completely competitive, never ruled by sheer selfishness, and never perfectly moral.”

-- Frans de Waal, *Our Inner Ape: A Leading Primatologist Explains Why We Are Who We Are*, Riverhead, 2006

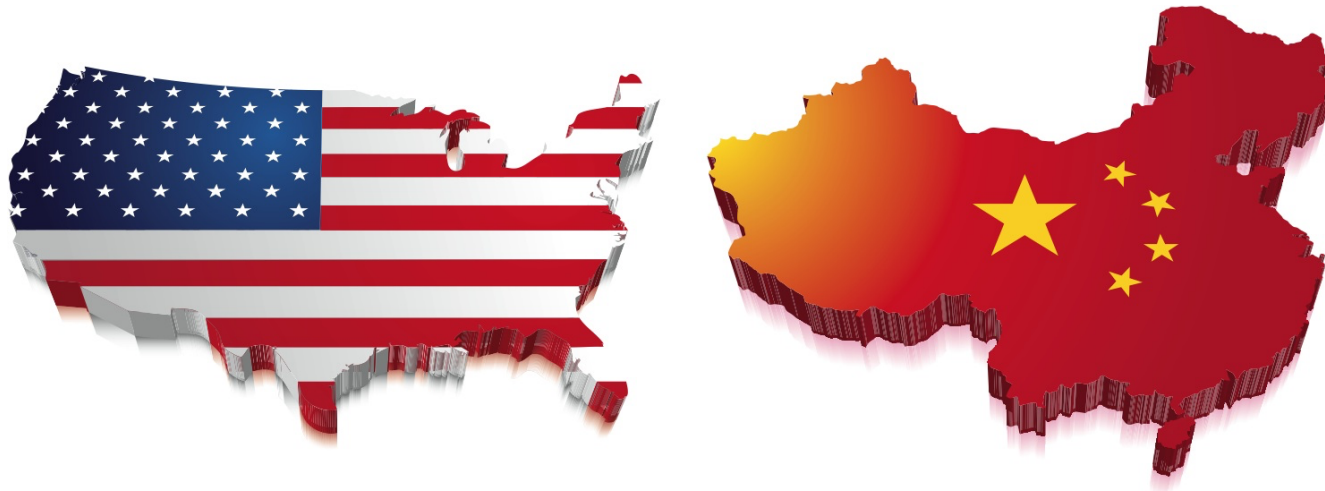


An enthusiastic polymath and urbane intellectual, [John von Neumann] made major contributions to statistics, set theory, geometry, quantum mechanics, nuclear weapons design, fluid dynamics, game theory, and computer architecture.



World War III or Appeasement
or ...
Containment





[In 2013] China proposed the idea of building a new type of relationship with the U.S. based on the principles of non-confrontation, non-conflict, mutual respect, cooperation and win-win. The idea was accepted by the U.S. side, but many there have not shaken off their skepticism. Recently, an increasing number of voices in the U.S. have been supporting hard-line policies towards China. In this context, [during his September 2015 visit] Xi made it clear to the U.S. leadership that the new type of relationship would always be an effective way to prevent the two countries from clashing. Confrontation and conflict would lead to a lose-lose situation.