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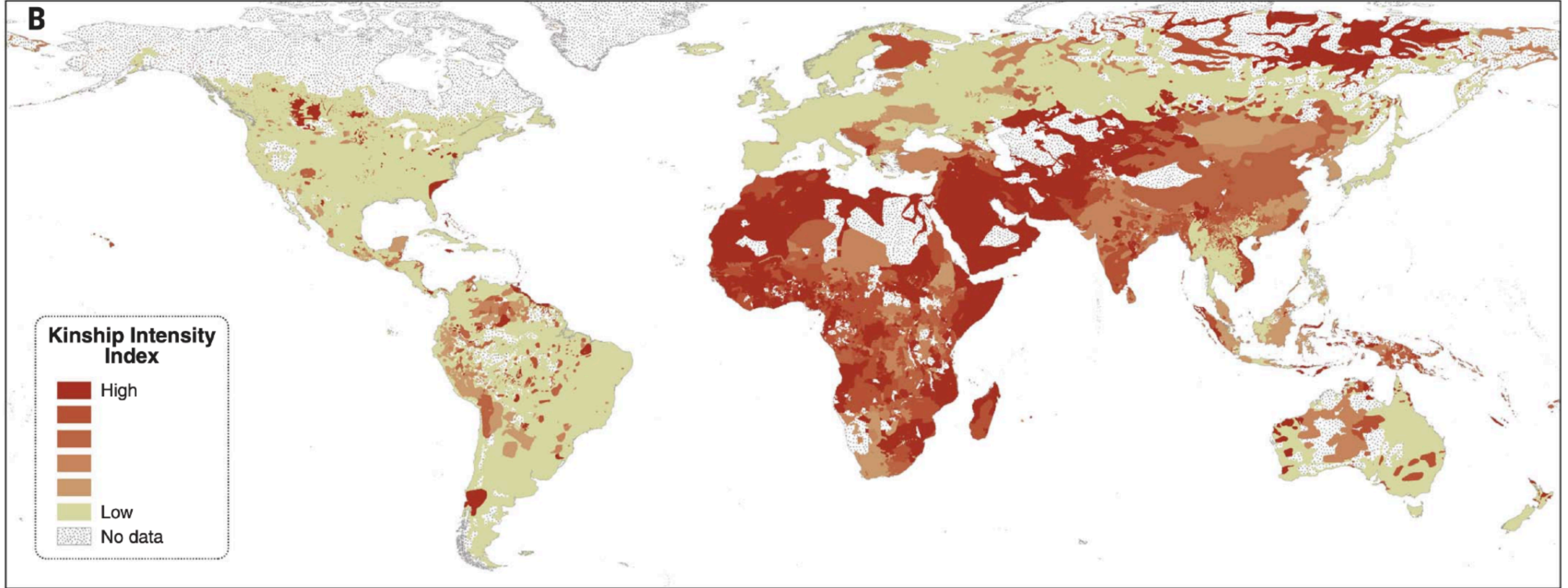


Fig. 1. Church exposure and kinship intensity around the world. (A) Exposure to the medieval Western (blue shading) and Eastern (green shading) Churches at the country level. The inset shows the Western Church exposure for regions within Europe based on the diffusion of bishoprics between 550 and 1500 CE (blue shading). The map delineates the boundaries of the Carolingian Empire (orange line) and the divide between Western and socialist Europe (pink line; after Churchill's Iron Curtain speech). (B) The kinship intensity index (KII) for ethnolinguistic groups around the world.