

Re: Faster Than A Hyena?

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As a lurker who's merely read some of Leakey's popular science books, I am unconvinced that hominids such as Homo Habilis or the Australopithecines would have practised persistence/endurance hunting.

1) If they did, surely they would have been mobile enough to migrate out of Africa, and Homo Erectus is the first human to do this.

2) The Austraopithecines, like gorillas and unlike homo and chimpanzees, had strong sexual dimorphism. This implies that the males of a group were unrelated and competed with each other for access to related females, which implies they were power rather than endurance athletes.

Therefore this line of evidence seems poor ammunition to use against the various crackpot alternate theories seen on this group.

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