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Kofyars Love To Drink Beer, But They Don't Practice Voodoo

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Have you ever heard of the Kofyars? The Kofyars are a tribe of Northern Nigeria. No, they're not famous for their practice of voodoo—they just drink beer.

Bob Netting, a University of Chicago grad student, recently returned from Africa, where he made an 18-month anthropological study of the Kofyars. In fact, he has just presented to a conference of the American Anthropological Association a paper entitled, "A West African Beer Community."

Netting claims that the Kofyar society is centered around the drinking, talking, and thinking about beer. Beer is given as a reward to a warrior who kills an enemy or brings back dangerous game from a hunt. It is also exchanged publicly by lovers in a sanctioned extra-marital relationship. Beer is also the center of cultural interests and activities. Beer is so important to the people that it has been contributed or pledged to various colleges and universities in data.

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