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Unfortunately, the cited author name was incorrectly published as “Edward B. Tyler” in the fifth paragraph on page 3. It should read as “Edward B. Tylor”.

The correct paragraph should read as:

Before Freud, Edward B. Tylor had focused on what Wolf calls group alliance. This refers to inter-group harmony, rather than the intra-group kind just discussed. He proposed that “marrying out” solved the problem of when tribes began to “press on one another and quarrel”. Tylor wrote: “Again and again in the world’s history, savage tribes must have had plainly before their minds the simple, practical alternatives between marrying-out and being killed out.” Not so, says Wolf. While the policy described by Tylor might have had the effect in question, it would have required rational deliberation and powers of inter-community enforcement that would not have been available.

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