

1. Description

- 1.1 Name(s) of society, language, and language family: Chol, Ch'ol / Mayan
- 1.2 ISO code (3 letter code from ethnologue.com): ctn (cti)
- 1.3 Location (latitude/longitude): Chiapas, Tila (Lat. 17, Lon. -92)
- 1.4 Brief history: Survived as small agricultural settlements until the 1500's when the Spanish decimated them disease and war and the such. From 1590 to 1690 the Chol committed raids under the authority of the Spanish. [1]
- 1.5 Influence of missionaries/schools/governments/powerful neighbors: Destroyed most of the culture.
- 1.6 Ecology (natural environment): Jungle [1]
- 1.7 Population size, mean village size, home range size, density: 90,000

2. Economy

- 2.1 Main carbohydrate staple(s): Maize, squash, chili, tomatoes. [1]
- 2.2 Main protein-lipid sources: Beans [1]
- 2.3 Weapons: Yes, bows and arrows. [2: 19]
- 2.4 Food storage: ?
- 2.5 Sexual division of production: Females Weave and Embroider and food processing. Males do agricultural work. [1]
- 2.6 Land tenure: Traditionally, sons that do not inherit father's land emigrate to form other Ejidos. [1]
- 2.7 Ceramics: Yes [2: 12]
- 2.8 Specified (prescribed or proscribed) sharing patterns: ?
- 2.9 Food taboos: ?
- 2.10 Canoes/watercraft?: ?

3. Anthropometry

- 3.1 Mean adult height (m and f):
- 3.2 Mean adult weight (m and f):

4. Life History, mating, marriage

- 4.1 Age at menarche (f): ?
- 4.2 Age at first birth (m and f): 21 [1]
- 4.3 Completed family size (m and f): ?
- 4.4 Inter-birth-interval (f): ?
- 4.5 Age first marriage (m and f): 21 [1]
- 4.6 Proportion of marriages ending in divorce: ?
- 4.7 Percent marriages polygynous, percent males married polygynously: Some polygamous, some monogamous. [2: 18]
- 4.8 Bride purchase (price), bride service, dowry?: Bride Service [1]
- 4.9 Inheritance patterns: Patrilineal (last son or last female if she is unmarried). [1]
- 4.10 Parent-offspring interactions and conflict: ?
- 4.11 Homosexual activities, social attitudes towards homosexuals: ?
- 4.12 Pattern of exogamy (endogamy): Exogamy allowed. [1]
- 4.13 What is the belief of the role of males in conception; is paternity partible? Are these "other fathers" recognized?: ?
- 4.14 What is the belief of the mother's role in procreation exactly? (e.g., "receptacle in which fetus grows"): ?
- 4.15 Is conception believed to be an incremental process (i.e., semen builds up over time)?: ?
- 4.16 Occurrence of sexual coercion, rape: ?
- 4.17 Preferential category for spouse (e.g., cross cousin): Cross Cousin? [2: 18]
- 4.18 Do females enjoy sexual freedoms?: ?
- 4.19 Evidence of giving gifts to extramarital partners or extramarital offspring: ?
- 4.20 If mother dies, whose raises children?: ?
- 4.21 Adult sex ratio (number of adult males divided by number of (reproductive) females): ?
- 4.22 Evidence for couvades: No
- 4.23 Different distinctions for potential fathers (e.g., lesser/younger vs. major/older): ?
- 4.24 Kin avoidance and respect?: Brother relationships are strained. [1]
- 4.24 Joking relationships?: ?
- 4.25 Patterns of descent (e.g., bilateral, matrilineal) for certain rights, names or associations: Patrilineal [1]
- 4.26 Incest avoidance rules: Yes
- 4.27 Is there a formal marriage ceremony?: Yes [1]
- 4.28 In what way(s) does one get a name, change their name, and obtain another name?: ?
- 4.29 Is marriage usually (or preferred to be) within community or outside community? (m/f difference?): ?
- 4.30 Are marriages arranged? Who arranges (e.g., parents, close kin)?: Yes, parents. [1]
- 4.31 Evidence for conflict of interest over who marries who: ?

Warfare/homicide

- 4.14 Percent adult (male) deaths due to warfare: ?
- 4.15 Outgroup vs ingroup cause of violent death: ?

- 4.16 Reported causes of in-group and out-group killing: ?
4.17 Number, diversity and relationship with neighboring societies (external relations): ?
4.18 Cannibalism?: ?

5. Socio-Political organization and interaction

- 5.1 Mean local residential (village) group size: ?
5.2 Mobility pattern: (seasonality): No
5.3 Political system: (chiefs, clans etc, wealth or status classes): Chiefs? [1]
5.4 Post marital residence: Patrilocal (sometimes matrilocal where father-in-law adopts groom). [1]
5.5 Territoriality? (defined boundaries, active defense): ?
5.6 Social interaction divisions? (age and sex): ?
5.7 Special friendships/joking relationships: ?
5.8 Village and house organization: Elder parents and newly married children create the nuclear family. [1]
5.9 Specialized village structures (mens' houses): Sparsely dispersed houses.
5.10 Sleep in hammocks or on ground or elsewhere?:
5.11 Social organization, clans, moieties, lineages, etc: Clans?
5.12 Trade: Yes [1]
5.13 Indications of social hierarchies?: Yes [1]

6. Ritual/Ceremony/Religion (RCR)

- 6.0 Time allocation to RCR: Yes [2: 17]
6.1 Specialization (shamans and medicine): Shamans offer cures originating from dreams. [1]
6.2 Stimulants: Sacrifices for ailments. [2: 12]
6.3 Passage rituals (birth, death, puberty, seasonal): ?
6.4 Other rituals: Genetal Mutilation and bleedings for deities. [2: 11]
6.5 Myths (Creation): Moon is the mother of the Son, Animals, and Agricultural Practices. [1]
6.6 Cultural material (art, music, games): Cave paintings. [1]
6.7 Sex differences in RCR: Males commit genital mutilation. [2: 12]
6.8 Missionary effect: Catholic-Mayan hybrid now. [1]
6.9 RCR revival: ?
6.10 Death and afterlife beliefs: Spirit passes on to the after-life to make room for new lives. [1]
6.11 Taboo of naming dead people?:
6.12 Is there teknonymy?: ?
6.13 Briefly describe religion (animism, ancestor worship, deism, magic, totems etc.): No Idols, offerings of wood to whirlpools. [2: 11]

7. Adornment

- 7.1 Body paint: Yes, for male warriors. [2: 15]
7.2 Piercings: ?
7.3 Haircut: Men wore hair short. [2: 15]
7.4 Scarification: Yes, Chiefs were burned with iron. [2: 15]
7.5 Adornment (beads, feathers, lip plates, etc.): Yes (various). [2: 15]
7.6 Ceremonial/Ritual adornment: Yes [2: 15]
7.7 Sex differences in adornment: Yes [2: 15]
7.8 Missionary effect: Some cultural repression by Spanish.
7.9 Cultural revival in adornment: ?

8. Kinship systems

- 8.1 Sibling classification system: ?
8.2 Sororate, levirate: ?
8.3 Other notable kinship typology, especially cross-cousin (MBD/FZD) typology (Crow/Hawaiian/Omaha etc.): ?

9. Other interesting cultural features (list them):

Numbered references

1. <http://www.everyculture.com/Middle-America-Caribbean/Ch-ol.html>
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