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Humans may have developed colour vision to see sexual arousal in others, research by Mark Changizi at the California Institute of Technology in California suggests. For humans, a blushed face is a sign of arousal and the rumps of chimps turn red. Dr Changizi reported in *New Scientist* that the retinas of 36 primate species were most colour sensitive in species which had bare rumps and faces used to express sexual arousal.

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