Grumpy old gorilla apes aging human males

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"For the past 100 years or so, psychologists have supported the notion that all humans have the same set of basic biological emotions," says Psych Central News. "But a new paper in Current Directions in Psychological Science challenges this belief and holds that some of our established security procedures may be misguided. In her article, clinical psychologist Dr. Lisa Feldman Barrett of Northeastern University said a current method to train security workers to recognize 'basic' emotions from expressions might be ill-advised, potentially placing individuals at risk. 'What I decided to do in this paper is remind readers of the evidence that runs contrary to the view that certain emotions are biologically basic, so that people scowl only when they are angry or pout only when they are sad,' said Dr. Barrett.

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