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Let K be a knot of genus g . If K is fibered, then it is well known that the knot group $\pi(K)$ splits only over a free group of rank $2g$. We show that if K is not fibered, then $\pi(K)$ splits over non-free groups of arbitrarily large rank. Furthermore, if K is not fibered, then $\pi(K)$ splits over every free group of rank at least $2g$. However, $\pi(K)$ cannot split over a group of rank less than $2g$. The last statement is proved using the recent results of Agol, Przytycki–Wise and Wise. (Received August 26, 2013)