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contrary to the interests of justice to follow the sentencing guidelines in this case. The prosecutor yesterday and on Monday, twice, urged the judge to scrap the sentencing guidelines because this was such a serious case. We will know in the next few minutes if the judge will go beyond the ten year maximum sentence for the conspiracy to burglar charge that the principal defendants, before ringleaders, did plead guilty to. Back to you shortly. Shorter men and fatter women are more likely to earn less than their taller and slimmer colleagues, according to a new study. The research suggests discrimination between different body types could be the cause of lower pay packets. So, should your body image affect your career? Here to discuss this with me now are Columnist and Broadcaster, Julia Hartley-Brewer and Rebecca Morden, the actor, feminist and artistic director of 'Scary Little Girls'.

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Julia, to you first of all, talk to us about this latest finding and that shorter men and heavier women are not going to earn as much money. I want to know about tall women who are a bit overweight. The big question being should they, it is irrelevant. They just do. This study is clear. It takes out factors like class, your parents having more money and it looks like how much money you earn as a result of the way you look, your height and weight, is genetically caused. Three inches extra for a man on his side will earn him an extra Â£1500 a year, Â£70,000 over his lifetime and an extra stone in weight for women will see her losing that amount. I think

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there are obvious biological explanations. People being attracted to the alpha male, the strong man. A taller man will be more likely in ancient times to have been a good hunter gatherer and provider. For men looking at women, I would have thought a woman who was slim, a clear sign of being biologically fit and fertile. I think these things are hard wired into our brains as animals, biologically, and we can keep it them and discuss them and say it is our fault, but it is real life. I think if you are going to put on biological lines, you could say in the 16th century we wanted women to be bigger than they are now, to be child-bearing, and that was hard wired in. This is more to do with perceptions of gender. It looks impact on how we are hired and how we interview, that is to do with

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what we expect from men and women. It is telling we are not expecting fatter than to earn less money. That doesn't bother people. It is to do with whether we are projecting gender norms on each other. I think it is nonsense to say it is genetic. These are to do with social norms and this is one study out of many. There have been lots of places that have looked at if you apply for a job with an accent that can apply your chances. We have also seen that your self-esteem plays a part in how much he feel he can ask for at work and women and men value themselves differently based on what they are told by the media. We often put forward issues about size and the normality of beauty Asterix and it is not hard-wired, it is part of our sexist culture and the good thing

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about a study like this is that it shows we can challenge it. When did we not blame the media. I don't think that has ever been a time in human history when a tall man has not been regarded by the majority of e-mails and other meals as being more attractive and desirable. I don't know a single man who would not like to be a bit taller. Taller men are viewed as alpha males in the same way bigger meals do better, they are interpreting. That is the reality. On dating websites, women are not doing what they think they should do because the media tells them to, they are saying they like tall men. I am sure the female sea horses are not looking for the tallest sea horse. We can pick examples to out the huge scope of nature. What is important about this study is to not just blindly accept, I guess we cannot change that, it is