

# State-of-the-art

## **A few core claims:**

- **Larger, complex societies tend to punish more.**
- **Third-party punishment is often associated with centralized authority.**

**Yet, empirical documentation of 2PP vs. 3PP across societies is limited.**

Marlowe et al. (2008); Henrich et al. (2010); Wiessner (2020);  
Singh & Garfield (2022); Fitouchi & Singh (2022); Garfield et al. (2022); Molho et al. (2024)

# Outstanding questions:

1. How prevalent is third-party punishment, cross-culturally?
2. What types of third-party punishment are most common?
3. What socioecological conditions are associated with each punishment type?