



current and operational requirements

Prevention and  
Mitigation

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# Current evolutionary and anthropological perspectives

## The Prevailing Interpretation

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The **prevalence and type of punishment**—whether enacted by victims or uninvolved third parties—are **patterned by socioecological features** of societies, including **kinship intensity** and **forms of complexity**.