

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**.

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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)