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A SENSE FOR JUSTICE

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Hans-Werner Bierhoff (in a recent [ZEIT interview](#)) believes that our ability to recognise a punishment as fair/just or not fair/just depends on social norms. The ultimate driving force to sense justice, however, seems to be an inborn trait. I even believe in a QTL – a quantitative trait that can clearly defined and even mapped some time to distinct genetic variants. Monkeys reject unequal pay ([scienceblog:doi:10.1038/nature01963:](#)) in the famous [Bros-nan](#) study – why should humans do? More details may be found at [tit-for-tat](#).

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