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Subject: FYI, Recent Nature paper & NYT Piece on Why Moral Outrage is often Disproportionate

Jeff,

I thought you may be interested in this recent nature publication of ours, or our corresponding write up in the nytimes:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/sz8c4uju5uk356w/Jordan%20et%20al%20%28in%20press%29%20Nature.pdf?dl=0>

http://www.nytimes.com/2016/02/28/opinion/sunday/whats-the-point-of-moral-outrage.html?smid=tw-nytopinion&smtyp=cur&_r=0

The basic idea is that moral outrage is often, subconsciously at least, motivated by trying to signal one's own values. And this motivation won't be sensitive to whether the transgression was intended or whether punishment is proportionate or good for the cause.

Happy to discuss next time we meet, if you are interested.

-Moshe

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