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Infant development from Piaget to today

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The Roots of Morality: Early social judgments in infancy

Abstract:

As members of a highly social species, humans must be able to evaluate the actions and intentions of the people around us, to identify our allies and adversaries and to make accurate decisions about who is likely to be a trustworthy social partner and who is not. Even in the first few months of life, these processes are vigorously operative in young humans: infants evaluate others on the basis of their actions and intentions towards third parties. These judgments share some of the features of mature moral judgments, and thus may form the developmental foundations of our rich system of moral cognition.