The Justice Motive in Everyday Life

The Justice Motive in Everyday Life contains new essays in honor of Melvin J. Lerner, a pioneer in the psychological study of justice. The contributors to this volume are internationally renowned scholars in the fields of psychology, business, and law. They examine the role of justice motivation in a wide variety of contexts, including workplace violence, affirmative action programs, helping or harming innocent victims (for example, Jews in Nazi-occupied Europe), and how people react to their own fate (for example, sexual harassment and police brutality). Contributors explore fundamental issues such as whether people’s interest in justice is motivated by self-interest or a genuine concern for the welfare of others, when and why people feel a need to punish transgressors, how a concern for justice emerges during the development of societies and individuals, and the relation of justice motivation to moral motivation. How an understanding of justice motivation can contribute to the amelioration of major social problems is also examined.

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extraordinary psychologist, colleague, mentor, and friend
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