

Justice & Corruption

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An interesting article on scientific studies of corruption in the English-language edition of *El Pais* . (I've been lately reading a few non-US news outlets, to get away from any “suffocation” from strictly local views.)

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[What science reveals about our tendency toward corruption](#)

A bribery experiment involving people from 18 countries reveals that the phenomenon is largely subject to circumstance

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This particular quote caught my attention (from an Epicurean point of view): “The prestigious researcher Robert Klitgaard summarized it by saying that corruption is not a crime of passion, but a crime of calculation. And people who choose to be corrupt are making very explicit calculations — namely, how much profit they can make, how likely they are to get caught and the consequences if they are.”

But there are some other views, that indicate *pathe* might also be involved ...