

# Rich less empathetic than poor, study says

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Rich people are less empathetic, less altruistic and more selfish than those of the lower classes, according to new research from University of California at Berkeley and at San Francisco.

In an article published by the Association for Psychological Science, co-authors Michael W. Kraus of UC-San Francisco and Dacher Keltner and Paul K. Piff of the UC-Berkely found people from lower classes were better at reading other people's emotions, which is one scientific measure of empathy. If you can't recognize what someone is going through, they argue, it's hard to respond to their needs.

"A lot of what we see is a baseline orientation for the lower class to be more empathetic and the upper class to be less (so)," Kraus, a postdoctoral student, told Time.

Kraus attributes the phenomenon to environment.

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