

Some People May Be Bad to the Bone

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Men who have wider faces relative to their facial height are more likely to engage in unethical behavior, according to a new study in the latest issue of the *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*.

The finding adds to the growing body of evidence that an individual's genes and hormonal development can influence that person's behavior. The research also supports that certain static physical characteristics — in this case, a man's facial bone structure — may serve as reliable visual cues to behavior.

“Other researchers have found that differences in facial width-to-height ratio (WHR) emerge around puberty,” co-author Michael Haselhuhn told Discovery News. “As sex differences in facial structure, generally, are at least partially due to increased testosterone concentrations in boys, testosterone likely plays a role in determining facial WHR, specifically, as well.”

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