

Staring contests automatic among the aggressive

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Staring contests, that staple of junior high school and bar fights, are indeed linked to dominance behavior and appear to be reflexive.

Primates use staring contests instead of fights to resolve dominance issues. Humans do the same — staring down another person establishes who's on top, socially, in a situation. Sometimes it keeps a fight from happening, sometimes it leads to a fight.

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