

Empathy, Distress, and Rumination.

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Empathy and distress have been linked to helping behavior in dozens of experiments, primarily as a motivational consequence of each emotion. Other research has investigated emotional consequences of various cognitive-perceptual states. The present research, instead, investigates ruminations about the victim, or the victim's situation, as a consequence of vicarious emotions.

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