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Subject: psychopathy as mitigating factor

I believe that Hare has not expressed, at least publicly, a definitive opinion about whether psychopathy is a mitigating factor in sentencing. He argues that psychopathy (as a categorical variable) may feature particular "hard-wired" neurological and physiological processes that are somewhat beyond the control of the person. But he also repeatedly and strongly asserts that psychopaths are aware of what they are doing and are culpable for their actions. In *Without Conscience*, he writes that "In my opinion, psychopaths certainly know enough about what they are doing to be held accountable for their actions".

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