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The mean value property characterizes continuous harmonic functions, and it is natural to wonder if p -harmonic functions have analogous statistical descriptions. Some basic calculations suggest that a continuous function u is p -harmonic in Ω if and only if

$$u(x) = (2 - p) \operatorname{median} \{ u(s) \} + (p - 1) \operatorname{mean} \{ u(s) \}$$

at each $x \in \Omega$, where $s \in \partial B(x, r)$ and $B(x, r) \Subset \Omega$. We will report on ongoing work on these ideas and their applications. (Received September 22, 2009)