

Fallible Ideas

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curi 20-Oct-19 03:17 PM

> Well, I don't have time right now to fully explain my current career strategy
OK so when you said (emphasis added):
> I am working on a master's degree in computer science **for no reason other than** I wanted to learn
computer science better after reading BoI and FoR.
That was false? It being part of a career strategy is a reason other than.

ppl are such blatant liars. even after this, he did not acknowledge he'd lied.
from <http://curi.us/2215-list-of-fallible-ideas-evaders#c13863>

List of Fallible Ideas Evaders

This is a guest post by Alan Forrester.



This is a list of ppl who had discussion contact with FI and then quit/evaded/lie/et. It focuses on ppl who claimed some interest in FI, Poppo, reason, et

he said "I suppose a more truthful way of putting it would have been"

and then "That did seem a bit long and maybe not yet warranted by the original context of my comment. But hopefully this now clarifies for you."

in other words, he's piling lies on top of lies by pretending the problem was just that he abbreviated



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 03:30 PM



JustinCEO 20-Oct-19 03:30 PM

just had a 100 minute wait for food. initial estimate was like 45 min, something like that.

Caviar app ftl

i can't wait till we have delivery drones



curi 20-Oct-19 03:31 PM

was the delay in the delivery part of the process, not the food prep?



JustinCEO 20-Oct-19 03:31 PM

it seemed to be both but mostly delivery part



AnneB 20-Oct-19 03:31 PM

Did you give up waiting and eat something before the delivery got there?



JustinCEO 20-Oct-19 03:31 PM

i had a snack Anne

small bag of doritos

still ate my food when it came

they sent me one of those promo codes for first time customers via snail mail

so i figured i'd try it



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 03:33 PM

curi. Is it possible that the person you're talking about made a mistake or perhaps a better way to phrase it, a delayed discovery. Like he says I am doing X for Y reason, but upon reflection he realizes he is doing X for Y and Z reasons?

I'd like to know, if you're willing, how you came to the conclusion that he is lying necessarily?



curi 20-Oct-19 03:34 PM

for one thing, he didn't claim a delayed discovery or new realization or anything like that after the issue was brought up to him



nor did he claim that saying "for no reason other than" was a careless bad habit that was kinda accidental and thoughtless. nor did he claim he was merely exaggerating.

there are also easily-guessable motives here. it's not mysterious. mystery is a sign of not understanding something. here, the straightforward motive is he was bragging about how into truth and ideas he is, so he played that up and heavily emphasized it on purpose.

contrary to facts.

facts that he knew.

he may not have consciously realized he was lying at the time he did it. he probably didn't. but he was reckless with the truth. he had the right info and wrote the wrong info. he's *responsible* for doing this, regardless of what his conscious intentions were, which is what lying is.

he did not meet basic standards of how to deal with ppl truthfully that our culture has. it was his job to consider, before saying there are no other reasons, if there are other reasons. and to do a halfway decent job of that. but if he stopped to consider that for 5 seconds, he'd know there were other reasons. choosing not to do that thinking is dishonest.



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 03:39 PM

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Right. Makes sense.

but if he stopped to consider that for 5 seconds, he'd know there were other reasons. choosing not to do that thinking is dishonest.

You're so quick at catching these. I hope to get there someday



curi 20-Oct-19 03:40 PM

he also did not put any disclaimer that he was writing quickly and thoughtlessly without basic regard for truth, as would be necessary to get away from the cultural default expectation of doing basic truth-checking of what you say.



AnneB 20-Oct-19 03:40 PM

I'm surprised you say

cultural default expectation of doing basic truth-checking of what you say.

because the kind of lies he wrote are common and accepted in our culture.



curi 20-Oct-19 03:41 PM

they are widely considered lies. they are *socially*, not intellectually, accepted.



AnneB 20-Oct-19 03:41 PM

Okay.

Hmm. I think they are only considered lies if people really stop and analyze them, which people don't.



curi 20-Oct-19 03:42 PM

everyone knows that logically, if you say "Only X" when you know it's X and Y, that's false. and if you knew about Y, that's lying.

yes ppl often don't notice lying, don't analyze. but that doesn't change the rules of what is truthful communication.



curi 20-Oct-19 07:37 PM

You can also try talking to that group there. I quit philosophy because I am too irrational and emotional to do it properly so I left that group but if you're not one of those things you could probably learn a ton from that group.

CritRat on FI, today

https://www.reddit.com/r/IntellectualDarkWeb/comments/dj963y/what_does_bret_weinstein_get_wrong_abotu_new/f4ilbop/?context=3

What does Bret Weinstein get wrong abotu New Atheism?

>I suspect the problem is with the blog post author, not the underlying CR theory itself (nothing in the Wikipedia article seemed flawed). The...



apparently he changed his story from he quit b/c i have autism



JustinCEO 20-Oct-19 07:41 PM



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 07:47 PM

Does that mean he is more honest now or is he lying that he think people can learn a ton from FI? Seems like he thinks based on what he wrote there that he is the problem and not FI or curi. Changed his mind?



curi 20-Oct-19 07:49 PM

got less emotional about it over time i'd guess



JustinCEO 20-Oct-19 07:50 PM

ppl can calm down even after getting super upset and get more perspective



AnneB 20-Oct-19 07:51 PM

yes



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 07:51 PM

Shouldn't have given up probably, if he feels he was learning here. Could have worked on emotion control with curi or something.

Could have worked on learning emotion control from curi**



AnneB 20-Oct-19 07:52 PM

Maybe he'll try again in the future. Or maybe he won't.



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 07:53 PM

How often do people come back here when they give up?



AnneB 20-Oct-19 07:53 PM

I don't know.



curi 20-Oct-19 07:54 PM

not that often but sometimes

generally coming back does not help. e.g. evan.

ppl who are really stuck on something usually don't fix it



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 07:57 PM

I used to think that anyone could learn anything if they worked hard at it. Seems like this is a mistaken view? Well actually I don't always think that. I fluctuate a lot between some people are better equipped to learn stuff vs anyone can learn anything if they work at it.

From what I've read of curi's I think that in theory anyone *can* learn anything but in practice it doesn't happen very often.



JustinCEO 20-Oct-19 07:59 PM

<http://curi.us/1932-indirection>

Indirection

I've identified a common, huge problem people have. They struggle with indirection.

They want Z. They find out that doing W will help them figure out X which will help them solve one problem with



curi 20-Oct-19 08:00 PM

ppl have to work at it honestly and prioritize a solution above other stuff. they generally don't.

ppl put effort into *not* solving their problems

it's commonly like 90% of effort goes to preventing a solution, but sometimes it's 99.99% at which point it's really really hard to solve

the problem is not a law of physics, which is what a "can't" would mean

nor a gene

it's also not like you can't solve it unless you wait a million years for a new technology. not that kinda issue either



StEmperorAugustine 20-Oct-19 08:03 PM

So they can learn anything but they won't because as you say in that "indirection" essay - people rather work on a problem directly, or the like they status quo. Presumably they want to get to the goal and would prefer it over the status quo but the process of getting there is too difficult or too painful? (edited)



curi 20-Oct-19 08:07 PM

indirection is one issue of many

when ppl try to fix one issue they run into other issues and it gets overwhelming and they don't want bad things to be true and don't want to face how dishonest their relationship with reality has been in dozens of ways

ppl don't want to face sunk costs like that they wasted most of their life

they don't want to find out their friends and family are bad

they have ongoing pressures to get along with certain ppl, do certain activities. changing is hard. changing a lot is much harder.

it's hard to control the speed of change, that takes a lot of skill they don't have

they don't even have a good perspective on the situation or see that as a thing they need to do

they find a lot of excuses to not change, e.g. that someone was "rude". the set of excuses they have can cover every case somehow.

if you're not emotional that's "autistic" but if you express any emotion they can say "oh well he's just emo, not logical". so if they want to ignore something, they always have an excuse. and there are lots more like that.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 02:54 PM

<https://web.cvent.com/event/4f12ac86-5ad4-4268-898d-256bb03cda1f/summary>

Summary - Ayn Rand Conference USA 2019

Ayn Rand Conference USA 2019. Online registration by Cvent



curi 23-Oct-19 02:57 PM

they hide the price

click register and it wants ur personal info like address while still not having told u what price is or what packages exist to buy

gross

asking ppl for their address b4 u tell them a list of products and prices is so fukt

Frequently Asked Questions

Getting the Most Out of AynRandCon

- Can I still enjoy AynRandCon if I'm new to Ayn Rand's ideas?

Absolutely! The content is balanced so those at all levels of familiarity with Rand — from beginners to advanced students — benefit. Every year there are dozens of first-time attendees.

FAQ #1: i'm not an Objectivist, should i come anyway? totes, yes, it's for everyone!

- Is there a dress code?

The conference will be photographed and filmed and has a "[smart](#)" or "[smart casual](#)" dress code, which means casual but presentable and neat. See the links for more information, and if you have questions contact us at students@aynrand.org.

No private audio or video recording is allowed.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 03:42 PM

Ppl have to look presentable for the pictures they take which they then use to sell people on attending a philosophy conference on the basis of how nicely people were dressed



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 03:54 PM

<https://slickdeals.net/f/13471882-red-pocket-1-year-plan-kit-unlimited-talk-text-10gb-lte-25-75-monthly-309?src=frontpage>

360-Day Red Pocket Prepaid Plans: Unlimited Talk & Text + 10GB Dat...

Red Pocket Store via eBay has select 360-Day Red Pocket No-Contract Prepaid Wireless Plans (SIM Kit) on sale from \$215. Shipping is free. Thanks okmachan & CalmPencil3884 [discuss]

Note, el ...



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 04:14 PM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uxmV0dah2Lc>

AIERvideo

The Liberalism of Ludwig von Mises

Openness, pluralism and change. These are the hallmarks of the liberal philosophy of Ludwig von Mises. Learn more at <http://misesvsmarx.aier.org>




The video title gave me one expectation of what the vid would be like
Then the intro gave me another
Then my first expectation wound up being true
What a rollercoaster




curi 23-Oct-19 04:29 PM

The REAL debate is on!




The March of History: Mises vs. Marx - The Definitive Capitalism vs. Socialism Rap Battle
 AIERvideo • 499K views • 1 week ago
 Is history marching inevitably towards centrally planned socialism, as Karl Marx proclaimed? Or is the best path to continued progress and expanding prosperity liberal, democratic capitalism as rec...


rap battle? why? b/c 499k views in a week?



Who Was Karl Marx?
 AIERvideo • 1.9K views • 4 days ago
 Economists and historians summarize the life and years. Learn more at <http://misesvsmarx.aier.org>



Who Was Ludwig von Mises?
 AIERvideo • 4.2K views • 4 days ago
 Economists and historians tell the story of the "Last Mises. Learn more at <http://misesvsmarx.aier.org>



Karl Marx on Class Struggle
 AIERvideo • 776 views • 4 days ago
 Marx sees the social world through the lens of economic struggle for control over the means of production.

look at those other view counts

The first campaign of the Banner was an appeal for money for a charitable cause. Displayed side by side, with an equal amount of space, the Banner ran two stories: one about a struggling young scientist, starving in a garret, working on a great invention; the other about a chambermaid, the sweetheart of an executed murderer, awaiting the birth of her illegitimate child. One story was illustrated with scientific diagrams; the other—with the picture of a loose-mouth girl wearing a tragic expression and disarranged clothes. The Banner asked its readers to help both these unfortunates. It received nine dollars and forty-five cents for the young scientist; it received one thousand and seventy-seven dollars for the unwed mother. Gail Wynand called a meeting of his staff. He put down on the table the paper carrying both stories and the money collected for both funds. "Is there anyone here who doesn't understand?" he asked. No one answered. He said: "Now you all know the kind of paper the Banner is to be."



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 04:35 PM

One cannot achieve the victory of one's ideas by helping to propagate their opposite. One cannot offer a literary masterpiece, "when one has become rich and famous," to a following one has acquired by writing trash.

@curi Your YT view count pics are basically illustrations for that part of AR essay



curi 23-Oct-19 04:38 PM

you mean that the 499k ppl did not stick around to watch the next vids?
 posted a couple days later
 fewer than 1% did



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 04:38 PM

Indeed



curi 23-Oct-19 04:39 PM

i might have left that first vid link
during the rap intro
if u hadn't said the tone changed after



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 04:39 PM

I almost did lol



curi 23-Oct-19 04:39 PM

they losing the best ppl



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 04:39 PM

Ya...

Like

What kept me around long enough

Was a morbid curiosity

Not liking the content

Like "dafuq is this?? With this title?"

It's like

A highly produced Austrian Econ version of LT's twitter CR memes

LT's pinnacle

Or aspiration

They could put that effort into useful Mises study materials or something



curi 23-Oct-19 04:45 PM

one day she will collaborate on a script (like the march of centuries) for a popper rap battle video which gets 100k views (hey, ppl care more about capitalism/socialism than reason)



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 04:49 PM

rap battle guy voice

POPPER

Versus

PLATOOOOOOO (edited)



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:12 PM



I love those Rap Battles

my favorite is Mr. T vs Mr. Rogers 😊

curi 23-Oct-19 05:12 PM



you should read what we said



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:13 PM

Well I have not seen these specifically



curi 23-Oct-19 05:14 PM

our comments are about all rap battles

not features of these specific ones



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:14 PM

<https://youtu.be/7ZsKqbt3gQ0>

Nice Peter

Mr T vs Mr Rogers. Epic Rap Battles of History

Mr T and Mr Rogers go head to head in this episode of Epic Rap Battles Of History. Who won? You decide. You can now support ERB on Patreon over at <http://www...>



I like this one



curi 23-Oct-19 05:15 PM

at least that channel appears to have no serious content, rather than trying to mix that with scholarship



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 05:15 PM

Right



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:16 PM

Why do not like educational content in the form of a Rap battle?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:16 PM

it's not educational

and, worse, people pretend it is

(the lying is commonly the worst part, rather than the original thing. standard pattern applying to many things.)



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:17 PM

What do you consider educational?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:17 PM

stuff to help ppl learn, think, understand stuff correctly, find the truth



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 05:17 PM

Learning Mises/Econ takes careful reading and effort, not raps

Learning Mises/ Eco takes careful reading and effort, not raps
And it takes discussion too



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:18 PM

It has to be difficult for it to be educational? or take effort?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:18 PM

no

ppl have to get useful info out of it



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:20 PM

Why does a Rap necessarily make the info not useful? Hard to reference back to it maybe?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:20 PM

it's not necessary, it's just how they actually are

like you could make an educational poem

but the format isn't particularly good for it and it's not what poets do

big bird could give physics lectures to adults in costume. there is no reason the costume is incompatible with that. but it isn't done and wouldn't make much sense.

the rap elements are irrelevant to the education and also make it harder, get in the way.

ppl like it b/c they like rap, not b/c they like education. adding the rap is basically a way of giving up on how to make educational content ppl want or learn from.

ppl watch it to say "oh SNAP, plato got DISSED HARDCORE. i thot he was gonna be a badass but he took those insults like a bitch bottom fag"

or some slightly more disguised version of that



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:26 PM

I see what you mean. Still I think it could be a fun way to get introduced to these thinkers. 🤔 For younger people. Do you think it won't lead to people wanting to learn more about Mises from the source?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:26 PM

the "fun" part is *not related to the thinkers*

Do you think it won't lead to people wanting to learn more about Mises from the source?

did you read all the messages above?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:29 PM

Yes, all I read that kind of answers is that most people dropped after the first video, so I guess if they are less willing to watch another rap video they might be less willing to read instead.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:29 PM

the other videos weren't rap but yes ppl dropped out, it didn't convert them

if you think the thinkers are boring and need other "fun" stuff added for it to not suck, you're admitting learning inherently sucks and you have no way to actually fix it. this does not lead to ppl getting interested in learning. also the rap battles essentially teach nothing so ppl don't even find out what it's like to learn something about the subject and understand it (which actually is fun). to the extent they pretend to be educational, while removing the education, they further teach that education doesn't work (you stay dumb anyway) and isn't fun.

they are also teaching that liking to yell insults at ppl, and being smart, are compatible. they are not.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:31 PM

It doesn't feel like education does work though. Or is rare. A lot of these interesting thinkers appear to be self taught, at least in the sense that they didn't learn it from some educational system.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:32 PM

they are teaching that mainstream social culture is intellectually harmless. they aren't challenging or questioning it. which prevents ppl realizing they need to change.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:32 PM

but thats off topic of me.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:32 PM

yes the schools suck

a better way to interact with mainstream rap fans is to make videos explaining why rap and trashtalk and so on are bad. that would be a way to apply philosophy to be relevant to their interests.

hence my material criticizing parts of popular culture, e.g. song criticism videos

rather than making imitations of those songs and throwing in a few philosophy words and pretending the songs are fine

knowledge helps you unpack things like rap insults about small penises and what they mean and why ppl are reactive to them and why "ofc size doesn't matter" is superficial and what ppl really think and how and why ppl lie and the role of sex in society and so on. all of which is stuff that's interesting and matters to ppl (edited)

if you actually have knowledge, demonstrate its power and say something different than what they hear everywhere else



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:36 PM

explaining why rap and trashtalk and so on are bad.

Do you think all rap is bad or just trash talking rap?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:37 PM

that's just an example. idk any with good content and the format and meaning of rap is culturally highly connected to trash talk

and the idea of a rap "battle" implies trash talk

thinkers should stand out instead of trying to blend in. also it's a terrible idea to compete with rap experts at rap quality like rhyming, beats, or more socially calibrated disses. should emphasize and compete at stuff

where you have the advantage.

by doing rap badly, they legitimize rap and elevate rappers who are better at rap than them. they accept low status. they accept rap skill is a good way to judge ppl – and they aren't that skilled.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 05:39 PM

the whole idea of rap battles YT channel is giving a twist on trash talk by using eg historical figures or fictional characters (edited)



curi 23-Oct-19 05:40 PM

i think it'd be revealing if you tried to point out any actual education in a video like this



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 05:40 PM

The trash talk is what ppl like, is the draw



curi 23-Oct-19 05:40 PM

you thought something was educational. i denied it. you have not given examples. my abstract comments have not been applied to examples.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:43 PM

you thought something was educational.

Did I say that? I haven't watched them so I didn't have an opinion on whether they were educational or not. I was curious how you drew the line of educational vs non educational. And if it was just inherent to the format (rap) or something else entirely.

I don't recall arguing that it is educational, but more interested in why you did not think it is. Let me read again what I wrote to see if I am misremembering. sec



curi 23-Oct-19 05:43 PM

you claimed some rap battles are educational?

you said you have watched some



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:44 PM

Yes the ones I linked. I also did say I did not watch the specific ones you were talking about. The ones I watched were non-educational.

Or pretending to be educational*



curi 23-Oct-19 05:45 PM

wait, are you saying you believe there are zero educational rap battles?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:47 PM

I am not. I can't know. The ones I was watching were not.

About the ones you were talking about, I was curious on why you did not find them educational. Which you did explain.

Based on what you said it could be the case that there are some that *could* be educational but it would not be the best method. The ones you're talking about are not educational though. (edited)



curi 23-Oct-19 05:48 PM

so you know of zero educational rap battles?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:48 PM

I don't think I've ever watched any.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:48 PM

that's not at all what you communicated before.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:49 PM

rap battle guy voice
POPPER
Versus
PLATOOOOOO

StEmperorAugustineToday at 3:12 PM



I love those Rap Battles

my favorite is Mr. T vs Mr. Rogers 😊

When I read what Justin wrote I made the mistake of writing "those" Rap Battles. I mistakenly assumed we were talking about Famous Rap Battles of History.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:51 PM

and right after linking that one you said "Why do not like educational content in the form of a Rap battle?" which 1) suggests you think the link you just gave is educational 2) says you think edu rap battles are a thing 3) suggests you disagree and do like them



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:51 PM

I should have read the entirety of the messages above. Once I did that's when I asked about your opinion of educational rap battles

and right after linking that one you said "Why do not like educational content in the form of a Rap battle?" which 1) suggests you think the link you just gave is educational 2) says you think edu rap battles are a thing 3) suggests you disagree and do like them

curi 23-Oct-19 05:52 PM

you next messages after that were semi-argumentative questions with no sign of agreement



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:52 PM

Hmm.

Mistaken word choice on my part perhaps. Or I should have explained that I did not hold an opinion on educational rap videos and then asked why you don't like them



Ki 23-Oct-19 05:54 PM

i don't know how to judge whether this rap battle video is educational or not. I did not get any new understanding from it personally.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:54 PM

non-edu rap battles are part of a culture of social climbing and socially attacking others and being mean and stuff like that.

of fighting, non-physically, over popularity and reputation

this is a bad way of life

of caring what others say, e.g. insults, regardless of whether it's true

of trying to look cool

etc



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:55 PM

I agree about the educational stuff you mentioned.



curi 23-Oct-19 05:56 PM

they are related to black thug type culture, which is especially bad



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:57 PM

<https://youtu.be/l3w2MTXBebg>

Nice Peter

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You think this is related to thug type culture?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:57 PM

yes



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:58 PM

Interesting. I don't see it. Help me see it?



curi 23-Oct-19 05:58 PM

after saying yes, listened to the first 5 seconds. what do you think that voice sounds like?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:58 PM

It sounds like the MMA announcer guy



curi 23-Oct-19 05:59 PM

i think it sounds like an aggressive person – most probably an adult black male – who is yelling in an intimidating way while not speaking his words clearly b/c it's more about tone than words.

heh yes MMA markets itself as brutal and stuff, overlap is expected

MMA is literally about physical violence



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 05:59 PM

Yeah the MMA announcer guy is white and wearing a suit tho. It is about violence though.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:00 PM

yes white ppl take aspects of other cultures b/c they are more tolerant and curious

not take. copy. but it doesn't take it away from the first ppl.

use. share.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:00 PM

"I'll put a slug between your shoulder blades." ok yeah... that's. Yup you're right.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:01 PM

right you can hear the rap roots there, straight out of compton gang wars or some shit (edited)



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:03 PM

Would make rap, movies, art, fiction rather dull if it never had any violence in it though.

No fighting in Avengers 😞



curi 23-Oct-19 06:04 PM

i listened to the first exchange. one notable thing is no accusations are defended against. it's only offense. most of the attacks are just insults brought up as non sequiturs like saying the other guy lacks balls, which is just like, out of the blue, saying "you have low masculinity", the difference is just the voice tone and how alpha he's acting for ppl to accept him being strong enough to say it.

the more aggressive you are, the more it implies strength to not care about attacks enough to react to them, like you don't even notice, and implies the strength to be so bold to attack ppl like that.

there are detailed rules tho for what seems genuine vs. faking it

a lot of it is about how to come off as genuine instead of a poser. how to differentiate the ppl who are actually strong, popular, etc. from those who are pretending to have more social status than they actually do.

you have to e.g. know which insults and words are currently trendy/fashionable and use those

if you say "rap war" ppl might decide ur out of touch

i think the Avengers is bad, and the main good reason for having a lot of violence in fiction is it's an actual part of life - a major problem - so it merits attention



Ki 23-Oct-19 06:08 PM

At my job people were looking at me strange because I didn't know the term "bar" which means a "verse" but for rap songs.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:08 PM

most adults think conflict and suffering are sophisticated and grown up, and that lack of such things is boring. they want their media that way. this is a bad attitude to life. low-conflict success stories are a major part of the world too and are what they should be seeking in their rather-peaceful, civilized, safe lives.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:09 PM

Probably in your head Kl. Never heard anyone say bar either and I do listen to rap w/ friends.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:09 PM

low conflict happy stuff is much more common in material aimed at children.

ppl do a lot to try to prove they are not children. that's part of it.

also i think most adults are actually mostly unhappy



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:10 PM

Do you also think violence in video games causes violence?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:11 PM

watching ppl shoot guns at each other or use superpowers is crude. it isn't intelligent problem solving. it's glorifying dealing with problems - often major world crises - without using much thought.

i don't think video games cause violence



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:12 PM

So you don't think enjoying those fight scenes and stuff is a matter of taste, you think it is necessarily bad? Is it just that it down plays thinking? Or are there other consequences you are worried about?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:13 PM

they partly reflect what ppl already want, partly reflect building on prior video games and what worked. and a lot of gameplay comes out similar with non-violent art. you can find games with similar gameplay but very different aesthetics.

many ppl pick games for the gameplay more than the aesthetic. that is common.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:16 PM

so I really enjoy fighting movies. Is your worry that I'll look to fight in the future instead of think? I don't think I quite follow why it is bad. What are the consequences of me liking John Wick for example?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:18 PM

video games also are simplified worlds which have limited room for creativity compared to the real world. the medium is limited by what ppl can implement. that's a different sort of thing than a movie or novel which can e.g. be a detective story with detailed thinking about clues (there exist video games similar to that, and other story-like games, but they aren't terribly popular b/c of the limited gameplay. unless you think e.g. final fantasy has sufficiently limited gameplay to call it a mildly interactive epic fantasy novel series.)

it's nothing so simplistic as you're going to be violent b/c you watch or like watching violence. it's that there are better and more interesting things in life.

it's your sense of what the world is like, and what matters in it



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:20 PM

better and more interesting according to you though.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:20 PM

objectively

there are rational arguments about such things

saying "according to you" is not one of them.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:20 PM

you can objectively tell another person what is more interesting to them?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:20 PM

that is a standard way of preventing truth seeking, it's a common tactic ppl use. it's the kind of thing ppl pick up from their culture and it makes it harder for them to learn anything.



some things are objectively more interesting or important in general, and some interests are more compatible with e.g. production and scientific progress. (edited)

shooting at each other is not a truth seeking way of resolving a disagreement. this loses interest the more one looks at disagreements in terms of trying to understand what's true and how to be persuasive about it.

shooting is simple. you can do it without understanding the issues. the winner is not the person with the best arguments. (it gets more complicated if you're trying to organize a whole army. generals have hard, intellectual jobs.)



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:24 PM

some things are objectively more interesting

How? Like how do you objectively measure what is intrinsically more interesting, independent of people's personal opinions?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:25 PM

for example, some ideas are connected to reality. that's more interesting, everything else being equal, than ideas which are not connected to reality (edited)

ideas which are not connected to reality. (edited)

b/c we live in reality, so reality is of interest

some ideas contain a bunch of non sequiturs and internal contradictions. this makes them less interesting.
what good is that? whereas useful, well-designed ideas are more interesting.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:26 PM

but someone who disagrees with you, can't they say-reality may be more interesting to you but it is not to me? I like reading science fiction books? --- Or something like that



curi 23-Oct-19 06:26 PM

you're getting into basically solipsism. this stuff is well covered in philosophy, e.g. in DD's book The Fabric of Reality.

your issue is not with objective interests but with objectivity or objective reality at all. your arguments work just as well for that.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:27 PM

Solipsism is the philosophical idea that only one's mind is sure to exist. As an epistemological position, solipsism holds that knowledge of anything outside one's own mind is unsure; the external world and other minds cannot be known and might not exist outside the mind.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:27 PM

skepticism, nihilism, relativism. these are interesting things one doesn't learn about from gunshots.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:28 PM

That doesn't sound like anything I am talking about here tho.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:28 PM

your lack of understanding of the topic after reading 2 sentences is unsurprising.

but someone who disagrees with you, can't they say-reality may be more interesting to you but it is not to me?

this question is a lot like: can't anyone say anything?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:30 PM

You say that you can objectively tell one person what they *should* find more interesting. Like reality. The example of someone liking fiction stories, is not stating that only his mind exists. Why is his interest objectively worse than yours?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:30 PM

the view that anything that anyone else says can be arbitrarily ignored is very similar to the view that no one else exists.

i didn't say all fiction stories are bad. you're skipping dozens of steps and bringing up a bunch of stuff at once, unclearly



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:31 PM

Ok fair enough. Still doesn't tell me why what you find interesting is objectively more interesting than what I find interesting or someone else.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:31 PM

you don't understand objectivity itself

objective interests is a particular case of objectivity.

if you understand how to argue that objective reality exists, you would be well on your way to discussing interests.

same with objective truth.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:32 PM

I agree that objective reality exists.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:32 PM

but you don't know how to deal with a skeptic. you ask variants of the questions they would use.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:34 PM

I don't think what someone finds interesting can be objectively measured. I don't think someone has the authority to claim that their interest are objectively more interesting than someone else's.

Maybe they can claim it has more impact, like someone who finds the cure to cancer vs a guy who is really into skateboarding.

But objective interest?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:34 PM

judging claims by authority is irrational.

and none of that is responsive to what i said.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 06:36 PM

@StEmperorAugustine you are taking for granted that authoritah is the way to judge claims



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:37 PM

also you said,

you're skipping dozens of steps and bringing up a bunch of stuff at once, unclearly.

I don't know what you mean.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 06:37 PM

Lol authority autocorrects to authoritah for me



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:38 PM
lol



curi 23-Oct-19 06:38 PM
you aren't going step by step to get on the same page with me or understand what i'm saying or the issues.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:38 PM
oh



curi 23-Oct-19 06:38 PM
i've tried to talk about some of the relevant background issues to approach the issue. objectivity in general b4 objective interests. you are resisting this and saying things that make a bunch of assumptions.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:39 PM
when you say be on the same page, does that mean find the same things interesting? or be able to judge What everyone should find objectively interesting? Or something else entirely? (edited)



curi 23-Oct-19 06:40 PM
same page means talking about the same things in the discussion, having a shared understanding of what the issues are, rather than talking past each other



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:41 PM
Oh okay.
Does this imply, your idea of objective interests, that everyone in FI the longer they get to learn your ideas that everyone starts sharing the same interests and losing their previous interests? So like everyone in FI doesn't enjoy avengers?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:42 PM
let's start simpler. would it make sense to you that if ppl learned enough about how to have a good life than none of them would enjoy snuff porn?



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 06:43 PM
Lol curi I was gonna ask a similar question about rape porn



curi 23-Oct-19 06:43 PM
murder is worse than rape. i win.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:43 PM
omg 😞
Could you answer my question first though I am really curious, all FI People really find everything you find interesting interesting, and everything you don't find interesting also uninteresting?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:45 PM

i'm trying to. your question is more complicated so i'm addressing part of it.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:45 PM

oh

would it make sense to you that if ppl learned enough about how to have a good life than none of them would enjoy snuff porn?

I don't know. I have no idea what makes people like something like that.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:47 PM

do you see something hard to like about it?

something unlikeable?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:49 PM

is that like porn when someone gets killed or raped? Both the prospect of killing or murdering someone for sexual satisfaction seems horrible.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:49 PM

is that a yes?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:50 PM

Yes very unlikeable. To me.



curi 23-Oct-19 06:51 PM

if you're going to keep reasserting that everything is arbitrary, there's not much choice but to discuss objective truth and reality, as i tried to before.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 06:51 PM

is there something you'll concede it's objectively bad to like [@StEmperorAugustine](#) ?



curi 23-Oct-19 06:51 PM

you claim to believe in objective reality. objective truth too?



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 06:51 PM


Or would u say eg "the Holocaust is bad. To me"



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 06:52 PM

Well it is a fantasy. If it were reality I'd concede that rape and murder are objectively wrong.
no, the holocaust happened


so I would say it is objectively bad

 **curi** 23-Oct-19 06:53 PM

as a short answer re interests: there is always room for diversity, disagreement and difference. there's always more to know. there are always details that aren't figured out yet. but there's also shared knowledge, there are ways people should be the same, e.g. two scientists should both use the scientific method. that isn't stifling and leaves plenty of room for originality and creativity.

i can imagine a world where no one likes the avengers movies but that doesn't mean everyone would be identical anymore than we're all identical b/c we all already don't like some snuff porn or palestinian indoctrination video showing a map without israel and telling children to be martyrs.

a person who wants to learn something complicated about reality, but who is not interested in the scientific method, is mistaken.

 **JustinCEO** 23-Oct-19 06:55 PM

I used to like professional wrestling many many years ago. I don't anymore. Same with sports.

 **StEmperorAugustine** 23-Oct-19 06:56 PM


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a person who wants to learn something complicated about reality, but who is not interested in the scientific method, is mistaken.

right but these are not fantasies. It is mistaken to harm people, I can concede of an objective morality. For the martyrs and children indoctrination.

Not following the scientific method is objectively wrong because of actual consequences.

Liking avengers? What are the objective consequences?


 **curi** 23-Oct-19 06:59 PM

to begin with, that is time not spent on the scientific method. that is a consequence.

 **StEmperorAugustine** 23-Oct-19 07:03 PM

Right. If this person spent his days with the goal in mind of growing scientific knowledge. Then you could say there is an objectively bad use of his time.

If someone is just trying to have fun, and enjoys Avengers. Spending the time watching avengers I don't think can be said is objectively bad use of his time.

 **curi** 23-Oct-19 07:03 PM

but the bigger question is what's to like about it? what do ppl actually see in it? and the answers are things like, e.g. masculinity and strength. which are part of a value system more aligned with rap than science.

it has might-makes-right elements which are incompatible with a scientific mindset

it has violence as a standard method of dealing with conflict, which is incompatible with a mindset of seeing conflicts as due to disagreements of ideas which can be truth-seeked and problem-solved about.

it has pessimism about the power of reason – hence all the shooting – which clashes with the scientist's belief in the power of reason and science.

idk that particular movie but they have themes like supervillains who are super intelligent – in other words, they proclaim that intelligence and violence are compatible. that you can be a great scientist while dealing with society not by reasoned arguments but by deathrays.

these things clash with and undermine science. they are anti-scientific propaganda. what is fun about that, to a scientist?

they're also anti-social and anti-civilization, which matters to non-scientists. non-scientists can and should respect science, too, though, and glory in its achievements, buy its products, and so on.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:11 PM

This tells me why you don't find it interesting. I don't think it fully capture what the movies are about, but even if it did, it doesn't make them any less interesting to me. Just seems like we have different preferences for things we find fun. I could say the movie is about showing that all lives matter, not just the powerful ones. The movie exemplifies what it means to conquer your fears etc... Someone else could have their own list.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:12 PM

I didn't say a word about my own personal taste.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:12 PM

you presented assumptions such as the movies clashes with a scientist views on reason.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:12 PM

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it's full of violence as a method of handling disagreement



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:13 PM

and you dislike that. and I do too, IRL. but for a movie, I enjoyed it.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:13 PM

that message is irrational

you brought up one issue, i responded, then you responded about something else



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:14 PM

Yes there is a book that argues we're predictably irrational



curi 23-Oct-19 07:14 PM

it's wrong.

you're saying you accept irrationality?

you aren't striving to do better?

why converse then? why be here? this is a place of reason for ppl who value and seek reason.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:16 PM

Depends. If it means solving problems related to my life, or understanding the world. Then I reject irrationality. If it means stop liking things I enjoy that have no bearing on reality such as video games or movies like John Wick. Then I have no problem embracing irrationality, though I am not convinced that it is irrationality here but simply preferences. Fun to one person is not fun to another. I don't find this irrational.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:16 PM

the issue was the irrationality of a particular arguing technique.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:17 PM

In that case I rather embrace rationality



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 07:17 PM

it's bad to find certain things fun



curi 23-Oct-19 07:17 PM

you didn't embrace rationality though. you didn't say oops. you didn't retract something. you didn't express appreciation of the correction. you didn't disagree with the correction or ask a question to learn more about it.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:18 PM

it's bad to find certain things fun

I agree to a certain extent. If someone finds punching people IRL fun, it is bad. If someone likes punching mushrooms with Luigi on a video game. It is not bad.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:18 PM

you instead made a comment generically defending irrationality

you keep trying to switch the topic back to your original claim and you won't deal with lines of argument.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:19 PM

I'll retract it when I understand what I did wrong. Otherwise I'd be lying.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:19 PM

then ask a question or give a counter argument instead of just ignoring me.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:19 PM

I am not ignoring you, I am trying to answer you as best I can and honestly.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:19 PM
no you're not.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:19 PM
I am not good at debates
or arguments



curi 23-Oct-19 07:19 PM
[4:13 PM] curi: that message is irrational
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you did not response to my 2nd msg in that quote, where i give an initial explanation of what the irrationality is.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:20 PM
This is not a very convincing line of reasoning for what you're arguing though.



curi 23-Oct-19 07:20 PM
do you think you understand that message?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:21 PM
yes I brought up one issue, you responded, but then I responded to something else



curi 23-Oct-19 07:21 PM
what is the first issue?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:21 PM
I don't recall and I am out of time. I have to go
I would like to continue this though



curi 23-Oct-19 07:21 PM
Pinned a message.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:22 PM
It is important disagreement I think



curi 23-Oct-19 07:22 PM
ok, whenever you're back you can answer that question.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 07:22 PM
Sounds good.



Mingmecha 23-Oct-19 07:23 PM

<https://youtu.be/VR6eJSmRkPI>

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Recently, a new strategy was bo...



This is a game I used to run it was about 3 hours and now this new skip shaves it down to 20 min



curi 23-Oct-19 07:27 PM

yes. one way it's interesting is re security expectations for computer systems. lots of them allow users a lot more control and options than a video game controller. it's hard to make complex systems secure. major glitches in games are the equivalent of security holes where an adversary is getting unintended access or powers.

it's also notable, from coding perspective, how many of these glitches involve mutable state bugs.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 08:37 PM

ctrl-x just not working in terminal



curi 23-Oct-19 08:37 PM

quit demopro



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 08:37 PM

lol

ty



curi 23-Oct-19 08:38 PM

ya it took me a while to figure out...



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 09:47 PM

godaddy sucks ass. i will migrate my sites to linode. will take me a bit to figure out

<https://slickdeals.net/f/13478590-get-5-off-when-you-purchase-through-the-subway-app-with-paypal?src=frontpage>

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PayPal.com is offering \$5 Off A Subway Purchase when you load the offer to your account and place an order using PayPal through the Subway App (iOS or Android). Valid at participating restaurant I ...

the chairs at my current office are bad. i remembered i had this thing and brought it to office; it seemed to help some: <https://www.amazon.com/Original-McKenzie-Lumbar-Roll-OUTP/dp/B000H48WYA> (edited)



curi 23-Oct-19 10:05 PM

i got a purple seat cushion. i like it.



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 10:10 PM

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Two University of Connecticut students were arrested Monday after video allegedly showed them using racial slurs.

The school confirmed to Campus Reform that the men were charged under a Connecticut statute that makes it a crime to "ridicule" certain people.



curi 23-Oct-19 10:11 PM

is deadnaming someone a racial slur if they are trans racial?



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 10:11 PM

sure



curi 23-Oct-19 10:11 PM

that answer doesn't sound very official



JustinCEO 23-Oct-19 10:11 PM

lol

u got me

i was operating on the principle of "does it create more opportunities for people to take offense? if so, answer positively." (edited)



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:33 PM



Should we continue?



curi 23-Oct-19 11:35 PM

go ahead



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:36 PM

Not sure where to begin. I think I am lost. Should I answer what is the first issue question?



curi 23-Oct-19 11:36 PM
yes



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:37 PM
I think it is this,

Right. If this person spent his days with the goal in mind of growing scientific knowledge. Then you could say there is an objectively bad use of his time.

If someone is just trying to have fun, and enjoys Avengers. Spending the time watching avengers I don't think can be said is objectively bad use of his time.



curi 23-Oct-19 11:40 PM

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4:21 PM **StEmperorAugustine** yes I brought up one issue, you responded, but then I responded to something else

4:21 PM **curi** what is the first issue?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:43 PM
First issue then would be, Does the movie clash with a scientists views on reason?



curi 23-Oct-19 11:44 PM
How did you find a different passage before?



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:45 PM
I don't think I understand the question, you mean the paragraph I posted?



curi 23-Oct-19 11:45 PM
yes
something apparently went wrong. that could be important.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:46 PM
yes. I scrolled up and took a guess to see where it looked like I was replying to a different issue.



curi 23-Oct-19 11:46 PM

ok so that guessing method is common but basically makes it impossible to have a productive conversation if you don't know something, it's important to ask instead of making stuff up



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:47 PM

ok. Yes I agree.



curi 23-Oct-19 11:47 PM

i don't think you do agree because you just did the guessing method.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:48 PM

oh. I should not have done the guess method, and I agree with you now. I should have asked instead of just guessing. Don't know what else to say.



curi 23-Oct-19 11:48 PM

There are reasons you did it which haven't been figured out and changed.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:50 PM

Should we explore those now or should I work on that on my own later and continue the previous topic? I'dk what is the more rational approach.



curi 23-Oct-19 11:56 PM

I don't think you understand most of the problems with the guessing method, or how to recognize when it's used. I don't think I explained it very fully. And you say you agree without having questions to get more info about it. But all I really said so far is that it's bad (my initial position). That shouldn't change your mind. But then without questions you claim to change your mind. This is an issue I call early conceding. It's hard to deal with because when people agree with stuff, it mostly prevents discussion, so it prevents them from getting more info and being persuaded.



StEmperorAugustine 23-Oct-19 11:58 PM

Well I did not mention it but this is the second time I've been told to ask questions when I don't know. First time it was by an anonymous user on the email list. So I had that already in mind.



curi 23-Oct-19 11:59 PM

That story does not mention you receiving an explanation of why it matters. It just sounds like if two people say a conclusion you find it more convincing than if one person says it.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:01 AM

It is possible. Though when it happened I could not think of a good reason to disagree with it, so it seemed more rational to me to adopt it. I can't think of a good reason to disagree with you on that at this time.

curi 24-Oct-19 12:01 AM

curi 24-Oct-19 12:01 AM

Not having a reason to disagree is different than understanding how to change or what to change to.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:03 AM

I understand what to change - don't guess when you can ask questions instead - How to change, I don't think I understand yet or I would have changed it the first time.

curi 24-Oct-19 12:04 AM

That isn't enough detail about what to change in order to change it. That is the larger problem than how to change. It's hard to change to something that vague. E.g. it doesn't include enough explanation of what is a guess or how to recognize one or what questions to ask and how to think of them and what is valuable about those questions.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:06 AM

o.o

curi 24-Oct-19 12:06 AM

Can you put that reaction into words?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:10 AM

Confusion, don't think I can do that sufficiently well. Here goes -- To me a guess is picking something arbitrarily without a reason for having done so. To recognize one, could ask myself why I picked it and if I can't answer it, I might be dealing with a guess.

What question to ask... uh. Well the question should be directed at helping me find a reason to choose non-arbitrarily.

curi 24-Oct-19 12:11 AM

Will you take every single one of your ideas and ask yourself why you picked it?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:13 AM

I am not sure. I could experiment with trying this but it seems a bit paralyzing. Maybe it is better to first find out which things warrant careful thought or not.

Do you think one should take every single idea and ask oneself why it was chosen?

curi 24-Oct-19 12:15 AM

i think it'd be way too much work.

so that shows how you don't have a good enough method for how to not guess. so you aren't ready to try to change.

your plan wasn't thought through.

it was actually, basically, a wild guess

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:18 AM

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:18 AM



Was slightly thought through. Not a wild guess. I considered how to spot a guess and came up with a potential solution. The solution is too restricting but I would not call it another wild guess.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:19 AM

it wasn't near the level of knowledge needed for using in life effectively.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:23 AM

Why is something vague not good enough? What is wrong with, If I don't understand something ask a question instead of guess? I can't think of something more specific.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:25 AM

Vague means it can have more than one meaning. Often there are millions of meanings and it could be any of them. And people call things vague when they are vague in a relevant way – some info is left out which is needed.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:26 AM

Add - When discussing things in FI?



curi 24-Oct-19 12:27 AM

Add?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:27 AM

As in: If I don't understand something ask a question instead of guess, When discussing things in FI.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:27 AM

How will you know what you understand or not?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:28 AM

If I can explain it.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:28 AM

In your head?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:28 AM

No in writing.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:29 AM

So you will write down an explanation of every idea that comes up in an FI discussion to find out if you understand it?

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:30 AM



Well, no that's too much work too.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:30 AM

It seems to me that you didn't really understand what you meant when you suggested this. (edited)

Understanding things is hard, as is evaluating your understanding. There isn't some easy answer for this that will work in all cases.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:32 AM

So what is your suggestion?



curi 24-Oct-19 12:33 AM

I think it helps to have a good idea of what high quality understanding is like and compare to that. Ask yourself "Do I understand this as well as I understand X?" Often people think they understand something well, but at the same time they know it's not as well as they understand something else they have mastery of. Some examples people are good at, like walking or reading, don't work well because people are so good at it that they don't really think about it, it's too automatic, easy and intuitive now.

Something you learned at a later age is often better. Something you could explain to others in detail and remember learning.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:36 AM

Something you could explain to others in detail and remember learning.

I don't think I have something that matches this.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:37 AM

Maybe multiplication?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:37 AM

I suppose, funny enough, I could explain in detail to others the plot of the Infinity Wars and Endgame movies.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:38 AM

ok yes, that could work. you could compare your understanding of stuff to see if it's as clear as you understand those plots. this would be done mostly with intuition but the comparison point helps the intuition be more accurate.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:41 AM

Ok. I am still unclear on how it applies to the conversation we've had. I suppose I can say that when discussing things here, if I don't think I can explain it as well as I could those plots to ask questions for clarification or tools to learn it well enough.

But not sure how that helps me understand your pov that personal interests can be objectively measured.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:43 AM

The objectivity of interests is a complicated topic which you shouldn't expect to understand quickly because there are lots of issues to deal with first, such as bad method of conversation. Most people never understand things like that. Building up skills is a process.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:43 AM

ah got it. Going back to what you said about skipping steps.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:44 AM

Only the conversational skills and philosophy concepts really matter much to begin with, IMO, because they let you understand all sorts of things and it's hard to understand much without them.

Liking Avengers movies is not a big deal or urgent problem btw. Minor *could theoretically be improved* type thing.

But you also didn't see how being anti-murder is objective. So that's interesting. That's common. I think it's a real problem that people are OK with that or accept it as just how things are.

That's not an exact statement of what you said.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:46 AM

I think it is important to clarify that I meant in fantasy, not in real life.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:46 AM

Oh I actually had in mind real snuff vids, not fake ones. I guess that wasn't specified.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:48 AM

holy shit, yeah I thought fake. Like most porn, not a real pizza delivery guy kind of thing.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:48 AM

I think your arguments about objectivity apply to everything. How can we be objective about anything at all?

Your attitude seemed to be that people have arbitrary interests, which are a subjective personal thing, which can't be judged.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:50 AM

Yes. I think to some extent. Actual physical harm to people, or violation of their rights can be objective for sure.

What kind of music people prefer, seems not something that can be objectively judged. Or what movies they enjoy.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:51 AM

Why/how can physical harm or rights be judged objectively?

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:53 AM



I don't know. It is wrong to harm others. It increases suffering of people. I'd hate for someone to be able to physically attack me. I don't really care if people enjoy watching The Lion King. It has not effect on me.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:54 AM

If you find out how, thoroughly enough, you'll find that those arguments are also relevant to other types of objectivity.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:57 AM

That seems super dull. This is not a good argument, being dull doesn't mean untrue. But god, if everyone liked the same stuff, and same music, where is the individuality? All wore same clothes, same taste in colors and stuff.



curi 24-Oct-19 12:58 AM

I didn't say no diversity. Actually I denied it earlier.

I think we could be a lot more picky than anti-violence and still have plenty of scope left for people to be different.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 12:58 AM

But if you say Music X is objectively better, and it is wrong to listen to anything except music X. Doesn't this necessarily kill diversity in music?



curi 24-Oct-19 12:59 AM

What would happen if we better figured out what music is good is people would make more music that is good, and bad music would be less popular, but there'd be plenty of the good types to choose from.

People might find out what is good in more detail in the future, but at no point would all music be the same. People would make a variety of stuff that just avoids what we've figured out is bad.

We already consider most possible musical sounds bad.

There are lots of rules for what is good music vs. what is jarring, out of tune, has notes at the wrong times, etc.

i'm no expert but i know music is supposed to have various patterns in it. you don't just throw notes together randomly.

also, people listen to music for different purposes, e.g. to dance or while studying. for fun or for white noise.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:01 AM

Right. So does the fact that Endgame made so much money (I think the most) say nothing about objectivity? I suppose popular doesnt mean good, but does it count for nothing?



curi 24-Oct-19 01:02 AM

i wouldn't expect the same sort of music to be best for every purpose.

similarly, people have different situations. e.g. i speak english and someone else speaks japanese. so they could prefer music with japanese lyrics while i prefer english lyrics.

some people have flawed hearing which could change what music they prefer.

people have other traits which could be relevant to which music to listen to.

people have other things which could be relevant to which made to listen to.
Movies that make lots of money have to do certain things correctly. Figuring out what those are, and how they get popular, and so on, is interesting. However I don't think the end result of that investigation will be to be impressed with the wisdom and good taste of the masses.

here is analysis of a little bit of a popular movie btw <https://curi.us/2167-analyzing-how-culture-manipulates-you-by-pulling-your-puppet-strings>

Analyzing How Culture Manipulates You by Pulling Your Puppet Strings

I watched the first few minutes of How to Train Your Dragon 2 and saved two interesting clips, the opening narration and a social interaction from a few seconds later. This post is only about these cli



Popularity is a fact to be explained. You shouldn't just ignore it. If you say "It's bad. I have no idea why anyone likes it." that is a bad viewpoint.

However, I think our culture likes violence way too much and views it incorrectly. That is the thing I care about a lot more than the movie which is just giving people what they already want.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:06 AM

So in theory, if I learned more about philosophy I would lose interest in Avengers or John Wick?



curi 24-Oct-19 01:07 AM

That's my guess. There are some caveats, e.g. one can be interested in our culture and study what's popular and why. Or one could be interested in film special effects and watch movies while paying lots of attention to those. Those are different sorts of interests than the standard ones.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:08 AM

I suppose everything has its price.



curi 24-Oct-19 01:08 AM

Losing interest in things is not a price. If you aren't interested in it, you won't mind not being interested in it, basically by definition.

The only reason you would lose interest in it is because you understand it better and judge, in your opinion, that it's bad in ways you didn't realize before. And judge that you know of other better things.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:08 AM

Right but losing interesting in something so cool feels like a loss.



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:08 AM

that's a bad attitude



curi 24-Oct-19 01:09 AM

Do you think it's a loss to lose interest or faith in God, if he gives a lot of comfort?

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:09 AM

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:09 AM



Yes I think there is a loss there.

Nothing is free right?

You give up comfort for knowledge or freedom.



curi 24-Oct-19 01:09 AM

I don't think there has to be a loss there. I think in practice lots of people give up God without knowing what they're doing enough.

I don't think false comfort is a value.



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:10 AM

what is false comfort? can you just have comfort for comfort's sake



curi 24-Oct-19 01:11 AM

If someone lies and says you won the lotto, and you're happy, and then you later find you you didn't, i don't think you should view finding out as a loss. it's just good to find out. you're better off.



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:11 AM

Nvm I get what you mean by false comfort



curi 24-Oct-19 01:11 AM

false comfort is comfort with incorrect reasoning, e.g. you might feel safe knowing your bodyguard is protecting you when actually he's a traitor or slacker who isn't doing his job.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:12 AM

Are you a happy person? Would you say Philosophy brings you a lot of joy?



curi 24-Oct-19 01:12 AM

yes, and also i think most people are miserable and lying to themselves but the lies don't really work that well.



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:15 AM

Ayn Rand said "Achievement of your happiness is the only moral purpose of your life, and that happiness, not pain or mindless self-indulgence, is the proof of your moral integrity, since it is the proof and the result of your loyalty to the achievement of your values"



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:15 AM

Ok so no what. How do I go back to not skipping steps. For now I am in disagreement about preferences and objectivity, but you mentioned it will take some time to understand this.

Where should we begin?

curi 24-Oct-19 01:19 AM



How do you know the Earth exists, objectively, in reality, in truth, instead of that just being your opinion? What if someone says he disagrees and, to him, it doesn't exist?



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:20 AM

i wanna answer too, this is interesting



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:21 AM

Well. my first thought is why should I care what this person thinks or says. Does it have an impact on my life? Does his belief get in the way of my goals? What do I gain from trying to convince him otherwise.



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:21 AM

nvm



curi 24-Oct-19 01:23 AM

The issue is not caring what other people think or say. It's what's true. How do you rationally persuade someone? Exactly the same issue as before when you said things like "to you" as arguments re interests.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:24 AM

Well we can't know for certain what is true. We could be mistaken.



curi 24-Oct-19 01:24 AM

So maybe there is no Earth, that's your answer?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:25 AM

Well it is possible. We have good reasons to believe that it does exist. We have a lot of knowledge that works based on the assumption that it does exist, our technology, science. There are good reasons to think it does.



curi 24-Oct-19 01:26 AM

By good reasons do you mean that they are objective?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:28 AM

Yes reasons that have been tested and not falsified. Objective in the sense that it is not dependent on people's opinions. Like $2 + 2 = 4$



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:29 AM

I have a hint from what i've heard second hand about Popperian philosophy, you have to make a falsifiable conjecture. but I'm not quite sure how you make a conjecture falsifiable



curi 24-Oct-19 01:29 AM

Isn't it your opinion that the tests were done correctly and were good, relevant tests?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:31 AM

The tests and their methods were done independent of my opinions. My state of mind or opinions have, had no effect on their results. They can be replicated independent of my opinions and anyone provided they know how can do them.



curi 24-Oct-19 01:31 AM

It's possible to test the wrong thing, right?



Ki 24-Oct-19 01:32 AM

Earth exists because I exists and I'm aware of aspects of reality such as me being an animal on earth



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:33 AM

It's possible to test the wrong thing, right?

yes



curi 24-Oct-19 01:33 AM

So isn't it your opinion that the right tests were done? But you said no opinions.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:38 AM

The tests are meant to falsify theories. These theories should have some basis in reality, there are ways to test them against reality. It is possible that the test are wrong, or the theory is wrong. But it is not a matter of opinion, it cannot be dependent on my state of mind. And indeed most of them have been done before I was even born. The fact that we can communicate online means we have some understanding of physical forces, such as electricity. Enough to manipulate them to serve our needs.



curi 24-Oct-19 01:39 AM

Well, maybe the tests were done wrong. Your judgment that they were done well enough is a state of mind.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:39 AM

It is not my judgement though, you too were able to send this message. You acted upon the world and it responded to you. I



curi 24-Oct-19 01:42 AM


I don't think you're understanding the problem. I think if you were willing to defend interests with the same quality of argument, you'd believe they were objective.





StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 01:43 AM


I don't think you're understanding the problem.


Where am I going wrong?


 **curi** 24-Oct-19 01:43 AM
let's try something else. why do multiple people like the same movie? coincidence?


 **StEmperorAugustine** 24-Oct-19 01:45 AM
Without knowing much about Psychology. I'd say it is not coincidence. There are certain aspects that people enjoy. Being surprised, feeling certain emotions. Seeing fantastic images. Emotional music. Imagining different worlds and realities.


 **curi** 24-Oct-19 01:45 AM
So you think people's interests are objectively related to those aspects?


 **StEmperorAugustine** 24-Oct-19 01:47 AM
That is a bit vague, what do you mean related?


 **curi** 24-Oct-19 01:55 AM
If someone enjoys imagining different worlds and realities, then some movies fit that and some don't. yes?


 **StEmperorAugustine** 24-Oct-19 01:55 AM
Yes.


 **curi** 24-Oct-19 01:55 AM
and when we say "fit" we mean fit as a matter of truth, reality, and objective fact?

 **StEmperorAugustine** 24-Oct-19 01:56 AM
Yes.

 **curi** 24-Oct-19 01:58 AM
So you think there's something objective involved. Let's take this further. A person could say "I liked movie X because it showed different worlds." And, as a matter of fact, movie X did not show that. So they're objectively mistaken in some way related to their interests?

 **StEmperorAugustine** 24-Oct-19 01:59 AM
They are objectively mistaken about the reason they liked said movie. (edited)

 **curi** 24-Oct-19 01:59 AM
Could they also be objectively mistaken that they liked it? Maybe they didn't like it.

 **StEmperorAugustine** 24-Oct-19 02:00 AM
They could be objectively mistaken. They could have misremembered their experience, they could be lying, or thinking of the wrong movie.



curi 24-Oct-19 02:01 AM

They could also misunderstand what they like. E.g. if they feel butterflies in their stomach, they heard that's love, so they think they really liked the movie. But they didn't. They just had PMS cramps. Their method of deciding what they like could be mistaken.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:04 AM

I don't know about that. I think there are some cases as the pms cramps but I would say generally people are probably good judges of what they like or not. Especially if they try and do repeat the experience. Like watching the movie again and liking it a second time.



curi 24-Oct-19 02:04 AM

Being "probably good judges" is fully compatible with making mistakes sometimes.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:04 AM

Yes.



curi 24-Oct-19 02:05 AM

And, actually, people are often bad judges of these things. E.g. many people are so used to avoiding conflict and negativity that they don't know what they dislike, because they've suppressed those thoughts for years. Similarly, people are so used to saying they like tons of stuff, and expressing positivity, that they can't tell which ones they actually like or like more. They can't tell the difference because they judge so much stuff as great without thinking more.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:06 AM

how do you know this?



curi 24-Oct-19 02:06 AM

People have literally told me these things. I've also observed it. You can also find many stories like this on reddit.

It also makes sense for philosophy reasons.

And fits major cultural trends.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:07 AM

but can't they be mistaken for their reasons? How do you know this objectively? How can we prove it.



curi 24-Oct-19 02:07 AM

Are you doubting this particular thing or do you just want to talk about skepticism again?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:09 AM

I doubt that we can know objectively if people like or dislike something objectively.

curi 24-Oct-19 02:10 AM

Never mind if we can know it. Can they know it?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:12 AM

I don't know. We can think of cases where they are mistaken.

I have to go to bed though. Would like to resume this at a later time if you're willing.



curi 24-Oct-19 02:13 AM

People often like things for reasons. E.g. they are interested in learning a skill because it's useful for stuff they want to do. Right?

bye

Pinned a message.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:13 AM

good night.



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 09:27 AM

<https://nypost.com/2019/10/24/watch-brute-shoves-woman-head-first-into-subway-train-in-brooklyn/>

Watch: Brute shoves woman head-first into subway train in Brooklyn

A shocking video shows a man shoving a woman into a train at a Brooklyn subway station Wednesday night in what appeared to be an unprovoked attack. The man, hopping up and down and screaming "What!...



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 09:58 AM

Cameron is pretty harsh with Roark at beginning of FH

And Roark doesn't really react to it

Interesting to compare that to how touchy people can be irl about various things



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 02:55 PM

When I wrote,

t looked to me that curi wanted you to follow certain rules (I don't know what they all were) but one of them seemed to be to not come back to discord after X days. You came back to discord before X days to argue that you could follow rules. Your actions betrayed your words.

didn't know he was repeating coming early again.

Resuming from yesterday if that's okay.

People often like things for reasons. E.g. they are interested in learning a skill because it's useful for stuff they want to do. Right?

Yes. Useful or I suppose sometimes just for the heck of it? Like learning to juggle, idk how useful that is but could be fun.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:00 PM


And they can be mistaken about that? If only they knew it's not useful in that way, they'd lose interest. Their interest depends on a judgment about usefulness which is objectively true or false?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:02 PM

Yes they can be mistaken about the usefulness of a skill. So it would be objectively true or false.

What if there is no useful objective, what if the objective is simply entertainment?


 **curi** 24-Oct-19 03:03 PM

Sometimes a person is not interested in something, but if he got new info – if he found out how it's useful – he'd become interested. So his interest level was mistaken due to him not realizing some info about it. Yeah?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:04 PM

Yes. I used to not have an interest in philosophy until you showed me how it can be useful in many ways. In that case my interest was mistaken due to lack of information.

 **curi** 24-Oct-19 03:05 PM

OK. So these usefulness based interests are objective, because people can be objectively right or wrong about what is useful for what, as well as what types of usefulness are important in their lives.

People also have interest for other reasons. Joe likes some art because he thinks it's happier than the real world. He wants to feel elevated.

But he could be objectively mistaken about his evaluation of how happy the real world, or the art, is.

He could also be mistaken about why he's interested. He thought it was because he wanted to be elevated by something happier than reality. But then he finds out he was misunderstanding it and it's really negative. And then *he still likes it*. So he must have liked it for some other reason.

yes?



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:08 PM


But he could be objectively mistaken about his evaluation of how happy the real world

I think I agree but does this not vary from person to person too. Someone who is getting abused by his parents and bullied at school will have a different evaluation of real world happiness

He could also be mistaken about why he's interested. He thought it was because he wanted to be elevated by something happier than reality. But then he finds out he was misunderstanding it and it's really negative. And then he still likes it. So he must have liked it for some other reason.

yes?

yes

 **curi** 24-Oct-19 03:09 PM

What is useful also varies by person. Stepping stools are more useful for short ppl.

That doesn't make anything less objective.

So e.g. the shorter guy should get one and the taller guy shouldn't. Neither person gets to decide by whim. It's not arbitrary. People can make the wrong choice, e.g. getting a step stool when they can reach everything fine and have no guests, and then they end up never using it.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:11 PM

So, for a person who is getting beaten up at home and at school, escaping into a video game world for example it would be objectively more useful for that person vs someone who is happily solving problems

IRL?



curi 24-Oct-19 03:11 PM
yes



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:11 PM
ok ok. Yes makes sense!



curi 24-Oct-19 03:13 PM
Movies are complicated things with many parts. But it's very common, for violent action movies, that part of what ppl like is related to some incorrect understanding of violence – what it is, how bad it is, what the alternatives are, etc. And if they understood more, they'd lose interest. Because their interest is not arbitrary or whim, it's related to facts about their situation, their ideas, what information the movie has and how they interpret that, and so on.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:14 PM
Yes. I can see that now.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:14 PM
Entertainment isn't a random or arbitrary thing. People find stuff entertaining because they are learning, or it's useful, or it says something they want to hear or want to be true, or there are other reasons too, but in each case there is something going on which can be analyzed, there's some kinda cause.
Lots of interest in movies is due to ppl being alienated from books, not really understanding how to read and enjoy books.
If they got better at books, they'd watch fewer movies. This would not be a loss. They'd lose interest because they have a better option.
Losing interest in bad stuff, if you find out it's bad, isn't a loss either. You're better off knowing.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:18 PM
I see. I was mistaken about the loss part. If the change is genuine and understood well enough, it is not a loss to find something more interesting.



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:18 PM
The last movie I saw in the theater that I enjoyed a bunch was the final Nolan batman movie



curi 24-Oct-19 03:18 PM
Most stuff ppl like is mixed rather than all bad. People sometimes try to give up stuff which is partly good without having a replacement or alternative.
For example, say you go to fortune tellers. And then you find out they are frauds, it's just superstition, etc. So you lose interest and quit.



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:19 PM

Party I've gotten pickier and found other ways to spend my time; partly stuff I used to like has gotten gradually worse



curi 24-Oct-19 03:19 PM

There can be an actual loss here b/c part of what ppl get from fortune tellers is social interaction, advice, attention, human contact, stuff like that. Not just magical predictions. The person didn't realize those were part of what he liked about fortunes. So when he gave it up, he could be less happy, and not know why.

Ppl need to be more careful about changing their life and more thoroughly understand what's going on. Otherwise they will often throw out good stuff and have losses. Lots of "rational" arguments encourage ppl to do things like that, e.g. just throw away religion like it's all bad.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:21 PM

Yes I was going to use the religion example. Many people get the community experience, talking to people and socializing, volunteering to help the poor etc. They think they are just giving up superstition but they unknowingly give up more.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:21 PM

ppl will just hear like that mozart music is better and more educational, and it helps their baby too, and then switch and be miserable b/c they don't know much about what's good about it or how to like it, nor do they know how to analyze and judge the pop music they actually like.



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:21 PM

If I feel desire to go to movie I don't just suppress it. I think about whether I'll actually enjoy it tho, in light of the run of previous recent experiences

There are a couple of upcoming movies I'll at least consider seeing, tho I probably won't (in the theater anyways)

Another thing is movies at 1x take a long time lol



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:23 PM

So does this explain, or partially explain why habits are so difficult to break? There are things that the habit provides that are not yet known to the subject and giving up the habit without being aware of what is being given up makes change very difficult?



curi 24-Oct-19 03:23 PM

yes

BTW I recently read some sci fi books with too much violence. It's hard to find enough alternatives. (Stories have some things you don't get in non-fiction.)

It also matters how central violence is and the attitudes of the characters. E.g. you will find violence in many disney movies like Lion King or Pinocchio, but not as the main point, and not something the main characters seek out.

Not excluding violence, and focusing on it as a goal, are different things.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:27 PM

I see. Yes I can see in some stories the goal and the method to achieve that goal doesn't include violence, vs the method to achieve a certain goal requires violence.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:27 PM

I like the TV show Succession. One day, in a better world, I think it'd be boring and irrelevant. It's a business show with approximately no violence. It has hardball and adversarial negotiations

In a better world, people could do business in more cooperative ways.

Superhero movies in general *glorify* violence, whereas a lot of other media with a little bit of violence has characters who dislike and avoid it, it's presented as a bad thing instead of as fun.

One day, hopefully, people would find any violence at all in a movie confusing and not relevant to their life. So their interests would change.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:31 PM

I wonder if that's the case. People always are saying movies are getting more violent. Idk if that's old men talk or for reals.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:31 PM

Separately: Over 99% of Japanese infants are interested in learning Japanese. This is because their interests are related to reality (correctly). They should be interested in it. Later, some kids are not interested in learning to read. This is an error. They should want to learn to read. (It's not, however, primarily the kid's fault. It's because of all the cruel treatment in relation to reading, plus the poor help with figuring it out.)

Movies probably got more violent because of liberalization of speech. People are less constrained about what is proper to show publicly. My guess. It's not that our society is more violent, it's that it speaks more openly.

Society is getting less violent. E.g. fewer bar fights and more ppl who think those are unacceptable. Less spanking too.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:33 PM

Yes that's true



curi 24-Oct-19 03:34 PM

There are some bad trends like glorifying gang violence and rap, but overall things are improving re direct physical violence.

Whether things are improving re socialism and government power – which is actually about MASSIVE violence – is another story :/



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:35 PM

https://m.huffpost.com/us/entry/us_7985986

Towards a Concept of White Wounding

Rather than turning our focus to finding ways to "heal" ourselves and build a more positive self-image, white people need to sit with our "wounds," which...





curi 24-Oct-19 03:35 PM

Whiteness was designed to exclude, and to simultaneously offer those of us classified as white certain comforts, privileges, as well as political, economic, and cultural supremacy. Because of this, whiteness harms those it excludes and classifies as others. Importantly, it does so on our behalf.

Whiteness was designed???

Intelligent design being advocated by huffpo?



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:36 PM

By the patriarchy



curi 24-Oct-19 03:36 PM

everyone was black until the eugenics council, led by a small group of lighter skinned blacks, created the white race?

that patriarchy?

or the white patriarchy designed whiteness???



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:36 PM

oh you know

Nation of Islam advocates that white people were made by some black scientist iirc (edited)



curi 24-Oct-19 03:37 PM

...

did nto know



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:37 PM

It seemed to me as we were becoming less interested in skin color, just as we're not interested in hair color. All of the sudden we took off in the wrong direction and care about skin color a lot again.



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:38 PM

[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yakub_\(Nation_of_Islam\)](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yakub_(Nation_of_Islam))

Yakub (Nation of Islam)

In the beliefs of the Nation of Islam (NOI), Yakub (sometimes spelled Yacub or Yaqub) was a black scientist who lived "6,600 years ago" and began the creation of the white race. He is said to have done this through a form of selective breeding referred to as "grafting", while...



curi 24-Oct-19 03:38 PM

idk about "we", it's the collectivist left doing that.

marxist class warfare requires classes

StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:38 PM



Yeah I meant as in the West.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:39 PM

not a history expert, but according to ppl who know more, like David Horowitz, Marxism and related problems have been trending up since ~1960.

and basically the fringe radical left infiltrated the dem party and took it over

so the dems used to be like mostly pro-America, regular americans who were a bit more racist and anti-liberal, but not toooo bad. but now the revolutionary marxists gained power over the dems.



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:41 PM

:(. Any reason for optimism?



curi 24-Oct-19 03:41 PM

well despite bringing up tens of millions of third worlders to destroy the country and vote dem, trump still won (edited)



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:41 PM

Trump is called a Nazi for advocating some 1990s Democrat positions on eg immigration



curi 24-Oct-19 03:42 PM

yeah it seems like they reached a bit of a tipping point and got control around 2005ish and then especially with Obama election



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:43 PM

Do you think he's going to get impeached over the Ukraine stuff?



curi 24-Oct-19 03:43 PM

no



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:43 PM

Probably but not convicted



curi 24-Oct-19 03:43 PM

oh i meant not thrown out of office

idk details of how the process works



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:43 PM

Do you think he *should* be first question, and if he will or not.



curi 24-Oct-19 03:44 PM

not following it like at all, but he should not be impeached, it's all biased partisan bullshit



JustinCEO 24-Oct-19 03:44 PM

Impeachment is like indictment. Impeachment is in the House. If impeached he gets a trial in senate, and senators vote

On removal

And u need supermajority

Not gonna happen



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:44 PM

Last I heard there was evidence that he withheld military aid against Russia for political reasons, investigating Biden I think. Haven't followed too closely.



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they're sooo fucking mad their hope and change revolution got interrupted. they thought they were going to have power forever and create their utopian dream.

this is what it's about, not russia

they committed a lot of crimes, some of which have been uncovered, b/c they thought there would never again be an opposition party with the power to investigate them.



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Anyway. I thought the conversation in regard to interests and objectivity went well. I am convinced that interests can indeed be viewed objectively, albeit probably extremely difficult especially at first.

took 3 days but I think I got it hehe.



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great

2 days tho



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:47 PM

oh. Idk why I thought 3. 2*



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3 chat sessions



StEmperorAugustine 24-Oct-19 03:47 PM

Ah.



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re optimism, there is lots of national attention on some of the right problems like the border, obamacare, and deplatforming and google algorithm bias and media bias