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HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 12:21 PM

Can you think of a way that Marxism is not necessarily Socialist?



curi 07-Sep-18 12:54 PM

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuHpp9XsXkE&lc=UgyvZEB8_s2cBjHdFuB4AaABAg.8ku5OfVt77y8kuAdZwnaWO)

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curi

"Philosophy Tube" is a Pro-Violence, Pro-Antifa Fraud

I criticize a pro-antifa video from "Philosophy Tube". The video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bgwS_FMZ3nQ

Blog post: By Any Means Necessary: A Violent Ma...



i don't understand why youtube and facebook are so bad at permalinks
trying to link my reply to the new comment

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Highlighted reply

curi

1 minute ago

So antifa is defensible, but Lauren Southern and Rebel Media are beyond the pale?



REPLY



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 12:58 PM

Elliot, Are you able to imagine of a way that Marxism is not necessarily Socialist?



curi 07-Sep-18 01:00 PM

ummm well you could split it into parts and consider one part individually



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 01:02 PM

having a long debate with someone and it has devolved into arguing whether nazis were socialist (I think they are) on whether state owned means of production is not socialism, but capitalism which I am confused on how that can be; but I am not sure I can think of a way that Marxism is not necessarily socialist.



curi 07-Sep-18 01:02 PM

he sounds clueless



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 01:03 PM

No, I mean we're all clueless in one way or another, but I don't think he is entirely no.



curi 07-Sep-18 01:03 PM

but he's debating socialism without knowing what it is

<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/socialism>

Definition of SOCIALISM

any of various economic and political theories advocating collective or governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods; a system of society or group living in which there is no private property... See the full definition



G Neto 07-Sep-18 01:05 PM

the problems that socialism tries to solve are the ones that Marxism says exists in the world. Is this correct?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 01:07 PM

Right based on that definition, the Nazis were socialists, the government owned the means of production. But then there is this: https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/State_capitalism

State capitalism

State capitalism is an economic system in which the state undertakes commercial (i.e. for-profit) economic activity and where the means of production are organized and managed as state-owned business enterprises (including the processes of capital accumulation, wage labor and...



G Neto 07-Sep-18 01:09 PM

>ummm well you could split it into parts and consider one part individually you mean consider socialism or Marxism individually? or split socialism and consider its parts?

curi 07-Sep-18 01:21 PM

Marx has a labor theory of value. this particular piece of Marxism, by itself, is not socialism. "state capitalism" is a contradiction

> The term is not used by the classical liberals to describe the public ownership of the means of production. The Austrian School economist Ludwig von Mises explained the reason: "The socialist movement takes great pains to circulate frequently new labels for its ideally constructed state. Each worn-out label is replaced by another which raises hopes of an ultimate solution of the insoluble basic problem of Socialism—until it becomes obvious that nothing has been changed but the name. The most recent slogan is "State Capitalism." It is not commonly realized that this covers nothing more than what used to be called Planned Economy and State Socialism, and that State Capitalism, Planned Economy, and State Socialism diverge only in non-essentials from the "classic" ideal of egalitarian Socialism".[52]



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 05:55 PM

<https://quillette.com/2018/09/07/swedens-general-election-turmoil/>

Sweden's General Election Turmoil - Quillette

Sweden's general elections will happen this weekend and the country is in political turmoil. The governing Social Democrats, the hegemonic force in Swedish politics for most of the past century, are facing their lowest results since the introduction of democracy. Only a few...



curi 07-Sep-18 05:58 PM

yeah europe is being ravaged by immigration – considerably more than the US is
it's so bad it's getting a lot of ppl to vote against it



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 06:01 PM

this is really good: <https://putanumonit.com/2018/09/07/the-scent-of-bad-psychology/>

Jacob Falkovich

The Scent of Bad Psychology

Psychology has long stank of fake results that don't replicate. But it's not hard to sniff out the bad science with a few simple rules, and that gives reason to hope that the field will...



curi 07-Sep-18 06:02 PM

13 out of 21 surviving replication is *really good* compared to other replication attempts i've seen

:/



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 06:02 PM

its getting better

but its still too easy to do shit research and publish it



curi 07-Sep-18 06:07 PM

they're all about correlation instead of causation, anyway

so even if they replicate they're still misconceived

and they aren't using data critically to refute important ideas, ala CR, instead they try to use it positively to find out how things work, ala induction



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 06:09 PM

not every experiment is correlation in psychology

not every experiment design*



curi 07-Sep-18 06:10 PM

i looked at some of the ones the article is talking about and they all were



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 06:10 PM

oh

I thought you were talking about the field in general



curi 07-Sep-18 06:11 PM

do you have an example of one you think is particularly good?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 06:12 PM

A study?



curi 07-Sep-18 06:12 PM

yes. non-correlation psych research



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 06:13 PM

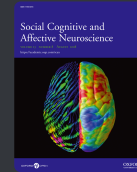
Good question let me see if I can find one. I want to say the work on phobia extinction is pretty solid but sec

I'm having a hard time finding casual studies. But here is a good one.

<https://academic.oup.com/scan/article/11/10/1579/2413952>

Effects of oxytocin administration on spirituality and emotional r...

Abstract. The oxytocin (OT) system, critically involved in social bonding, may also impinge on spirituality, which is the belief in a meaningful life imbued w



its a correlation study but this is an example of solid research

Double blind clinical trials are pretty good too:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/16814257>

Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trials of ethyl-eicos...

Biol Psychiatry. 2006 Nov 1;60(9):1020-2. Epub 2006 Jun 30. Clinical Trial; Comparative Study; Randomized Controlled Trial; Research Support, Non-U.S. Gov't



curi 07-Sep-18 06:36 PM

> Effects of oxytocin administration on spirituality and emotional responses to meditation without reading: isn't that about a correlation btwn taking a pill and giving survey answers?

> Double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled trials of ethyl-eicosapentanoate in the treatment of bipolar depression and rapid cycling bipolar disorder.

without reading, isn't that about a correlation btwn taking a pill and certain outcomes?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 07:55 PM

Yes both are those correlations

I couldn't find any casual ones

but those are what I would consider strong studies

causal*



curi 07-Sep-18 08:13 PM

because correlation is not causation, correlation studies are a bad appraoch



G Neto 07-Sep-18 08:21 PM

what text to speech apps do you guys use?

any other than voice dream reader?



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 08:27 PM

I also use Instapaper to listen to web articles



G Neto 07-Sep-18 08:30 PM

gonna check it, thanks



but for pdf books you use voice dream reader?



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 08:34 PM

Ya and I would possibly run the pdf through FineReader first so the OCR isn't awful



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:13 PM

if you were to take that approach we'd have to scrap most of science and medicine, and Psychology. Correlation is not always a bad approach.



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:13 PM

why not?



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:14 PM

Lots of research in science and medicine is fundamentally flawed

Fixing that would improve scientific and medical progress

So we wouldn't be scrapping most of science and medicine, we'd be saving them



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:14 PM

Scrapping correlation studies would not fix that problem.



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:15 PM

It would help



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:15 PM

We would still be smoking and using lead in our gasoline if we had scrapped correlation studies.



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:19 PM

are there no explanations on how smoking and lead in gasoline cause health issues?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:19 PM

there are now
but it began by correlation



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:19 PM

No



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:20 PM

>there are now
so i did you say "we would still..."?



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:21 PM

The people doing the studies had some hypothesis that made them pick smoking and cancer link to study over Nutella and cancer link or Parmesan cheese and cancer link



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:21 PM

you can use correlation studies to start thinking about something, but not to say there are causation



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:22 PM

Yes and they analyzed the data and saw a strong correlation



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:22 PM

yeah, you need some conjecture to start picking up data



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:22 PM

we did not establish causation until later



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:24 PM

the issue is there are lots of non replicable positive results when you are just running numbers to see if there's correlations



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:24 PM

Yes that is true



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:25 PM

And people do things like recommend govt regulations or diet changes based on those
And then years later people figure out it was all bs



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:26 PM

Yes that's all true



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 09:26 PM

you can't just focus on one case to analyze the value of a method

You have to look at how it performs across cases

Lottery is a bad retirement plan, but it works out for some people (they win). It was still a bad plan



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:27 PM

Diet is one where certain things will help. Pre registration to avoid p hacking. Double blind, placebo control clinical trials etc... but it will not be perfect or prove causation. If it is replicated, even better.



curi 07-Sep-18 09:29 PM

>if you were to take that approach we'd have to scrap most of science and medicine, and Psychology.

yes exactly



most published research is bad and shouldn't be done



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:30 PM

Yes but not all



curi 07-Sep-18 09:30 PM

it's not only wrong, it also misleads people with bullshit conclusions

sure there exists good research ... but not the kind which mixes up correlation and causation, and is inductivist and justificationist rather than critical rationalist ... which is quite a lot.

which DD calls "explanationless science" in BoI

> We would still be smoking and using lead in our gasoline if we had scrapped correlation studies.

that is incorrect. i think you just don't know how to do science correctly and that some people have done some good science.

furthermore, since you can never learn anything from correlations – that is one of the core ideas of induction, which has been refuted – everything we did figure out, like about smoking or lead, was learned in other ways.

this is a common issue that comes up and many examples have been gone through induction *cannot work* and *never has worked*

> Yes and they analyzed the data and saw a strong correlation

data analysis always finds infinitely many correlations unless done according to a selective theory one already has

it doesn't find "a" correlation. that kind of selective attention is one of the core errors both in induction and in the broken window fallacy.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:35 PM

So being obese is correlated with diabetes let's say. To you that information is useless?



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:35 PM

why did you find that correlation important?



curi 07-Sep-18 09:35 PM

it's useless all by itself. it's useful in the context of some understanding of relevant medical issues, *which we do have*, and which correlation research fails to productively and directly *discuss* and think critically about

yes exactly, @G Neto

he only picked that correlation instead of the infinitely many other ones b/c he has explanatory knowledge related to it

and he did this mere seconds after i pointed out the selective attention error



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:36 PM

Well you said never right?



curi 07-Sep-18 09:36 PM

yes



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:36 PM
we haven't proven causation in that area yet



curi 07-Sep-18 09:36 PM
we can't prove anything, that's infallibilist



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:36 PM
right



curi 07-Sep-18 09:36 PM
the standard for understanding causation is not proof
it's the critical rationalist standard
and it's not full understanding. partial understanding is valuable



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:37 PM
So would this mean psychology as a branch is useless?



curi 07-Sep-18 09:37 PM
most correlations studies are done by authors who have explanatory ideas about causation ... but then they make those a side issue of what they say.
so instead of thinking and debating the core issues, they focus on the data instead and that makes it harder to improve the ideas
psychology is a perfectly good field in theory, and could be approached productively today, but currently a large portion of the prominent ideas are useless or counter productive.
psychology is pretty close to philosophy, and it's very hard to do good work in psychology while being incompetent at philosophy or under the sway of some of the currently fashionable counter productive philosophy ideas



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:40 PM
But like most of our work is done via correlation



curi 07-Sep-18 09:40 PM
you're misunderstanding what is being done – as are the people doing it – due to inductivism and related errors
which makes it way way harder to do it well
and, to make matters much worse, psychology researchers do not discuss, debate or research induction or epistemology. so they aren't even trying to improve their knowledge in the relevant area.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:41 PM

This is fascinating.



curi 07-Sep-18 09:41 PM

they've left that to philosophers. they've outsourced it. and 99% of philosophers have let them down. bad philosophy is the underlying thing fucking up the other fields in general all of this is DD's view FYI, which he wrote some about in Bol. he wanted to write more about it in Bol – this specific issue – but it wasn't finished by the publication deadline. another example of a field in particularly desperate need of good epistemology is AI but, as a field in general, just like psychology, they are not listening to me or to DD or to anyone with good philosophy.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:44 PM

So



curi 07-Sep-18 09:45 PM

b/c they go by popular opinion and the opinions of people with high social status (of the intellectual type)



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:45 PM

Let's say Andy wants to make sure that there's not an increase of junk research in the world but my entire field is correlation based, I am not going to change the field, how do I make sure I am doing good research without doing correlations. I can't even begin to imagine not change my field as in not change how psychology research is done alone*



curi 07-Sep-18 09:46 PM

it's probably not possible without changing anyone's mind. but if it were possible, the first step would be to become an expert at epistemology, b/c the general widespread knowledge about epistemology is so bad that non-experts don't have a chance.

then you could focus your own research and writing on the important things, and try to explain why they matter in ways that other people would understand.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:49 PM

I can't even begin to imagine how I would design research in Psychology without correlation, what a trip. I was going down the path of more rigorous Bayesian style thinking. Wow.



curi 07-Sep-18 09:49 PM

bayesians are one of the major anti-popper epistemology groups (while, at the same time, being correct about how probability math works)



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:50 PM

<http://www.daviddeutsch.org.uk/2014/08/simple-refutation-of-the-bayesian-philosophy-of-science/>

David

Simple refutation of the 'Bayesian' philosophy of science

By 'Bayesian' philosophy of science I mean the position that (1) the objective of science is, or should be, to increase our 'credence' for true theories, and that (2) the credences held by a rational thinker obey the probability calculus. However, if T is an explanat...



curi 07-Sep-18 09:51 PM

(which is a much smaller accomplishment than the hype would indicate)



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:51 PM

Why is this not more, could they be wrong? Popper and Deutsch? How, omg I am so incredibly confused but loving my confusion paradoxically.

Why is this not more known*



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:51 PM

its fun



curi 07-Sep-18 09:51 PM

we could be wrong but have been open to debate and criticism for many decades. i do paths forward. the other side doesn't.

it's not known b/c the world is full of irrationality and hates brilliant outliers
you are the only new person to take a major interest in it this year



G Neto 07-Sep-18 09:52 PM

i meant to respond to this

>omg I am so incredibly confused but loving my confusion paradoxically.



curi 07-Sep-18 09:52 PM

it's the same story in every field btw, not just epistemology
economics, psychiatry, AI, multiverse physics

each time, only a small minority has the good ideas and is being ignored by ppl who refuse to rationally debate

most ppl are ballast, as Rand would put it, and there's only a few great minds that change much

this is – also known by Rand – b/c of how children are treated before age ~7

which is – not known by Rand – a matter of static memes.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:54 PM

Everett comes to mind



curi 07-Sep-18 09:54 PM

life extension is the same. SENS has great ideas and is small compared to other much worse approaches to medicine.

yes i mentioned everett

i'll get you a DD quote

[S]omeone who is far in advance of most people about an important moral issue is likely not to be understood at first, and in the meantime, to be hated and vilified just as much as someone who is egregiously wrong. How could it be otherwise?

– David Deutsch



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 09:56 PM

Do you think is possible to design good research experiments in psychology without induction?



curi 07-Sep-18 09:56 PM

ppl can't tell the difference btwn positive and negative outliers, and the negative ones are much more common.

i'm not aware of any kind of empirical data that needs collecting in psychology currently, but it could exist. we already know a lot about what people are like and the intellectual discussion needs to advance much further before finer empirical details become important in general. (edited)

that DD quote is after Sarah posted some of the nasty things people have said about TCS. this is from 2001:

ugh discord has a short message limit

<https://pastebin.com/qExR7w0S>

**It's not the first time I have been branded a "socialist".
Makes y...**



this is how ppl generally treat innovators

the reason innovators currently have a positive reputation is b/c ppl have in mind certain limited types of innovators who are only innovating in more limited ways that ppl already approve of



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:00 PM

Man



curi 07-Sep-18 10:00 PM

> So if "socialist" is the worst they can come up with, well hey, I think that's a distinct improvement. 8-)



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:00 PM

I am so blown away by all of this



curi 07-Sep-18 10:00 PM

this comment is actually rather careless of sarah, and false
socialist is a really really really bad thing
maybe the very worst on the whole list
it's killed so many ppl
nevertheless, she is a libertarian and in favor of capitalism.
> I am so blown away by all of this
i know right. i was too.



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:01 PM

thats fun



curi 07-Sep-18 10:01 PM

i thought more ppl would be. took ages to figure out they weren't.
the few who like some of these ideas often find it's difficult to think well and give up.
like lulie and brett
and there are many more but u don't know the other names.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:02 PM

It's crazy how much I see my own mind resisting this idea and Im like am I retarded how can it be this way when much smarter people than me are ... wow



curi 07-Sep-18 10:03 PM

i'm smarter than them... 😏



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:03 PM

Brett has been very kind and helpful I won't speak ill of him. I definitely don't do that behind anyone's back.



curi 07-Sep-18 10:04 PM

Brett hurts children for a living and in my last interaction with him he was mean to me on purpose – he did his very best to hurt me while refusing to say a single on-topic thing.
don't worry he knows what i think of him.
he's also plagiarized me
as has lulie



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:05 PM

Andy, what are the things that you are blown away by?
The idea that theory comes before observation?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:05 PM

i think it's the state of the world
that so many authorities could be so badly wrong



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:06 PM

That induction does and never has worked
also that



curi 07-Sep-18 10:06 PM

that induction has never worked and no one has ever learned a single thing by it is exactly
what KP and DD said in their books.
didn't you see it there?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:06 PM

Like it just shatters so much of my previously held assumptions
I saw it but
I didn't quite make the connection



curi 07-Sep-18 10:07 PM

you're not alone in not listening. on the FoR list – yes, a list about DD's book – i recall one of
the ppl saying Popper couldn't possibly have actually reject induction b/c that would be
stupid but Popper was smart.
he was a regular poster who was there for many years



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:07 PM

I probably still don't but like... I want to move forward in my field without the misconceptions
and I can't even imagine how



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:07 PM

i saw that



curi 07-Sep-18 10:08 PM

bruno iirc



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:08 PM

he said that FoR didnt talk about induction, right?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:08 PM

my personal opinion is the other fields barely matter compared to the importance of improving philosophy and the lack of manpower doing it.



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:09 PM

yeah, it seems like it



curi 07-Sep-18 10:09 PM

i don't recall that, neto, but i do recall bill taylor saying FoR didn't talk about solipsism (which may be the thing in the index with the very most references)



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:09 PM

oh, right

that was what i was thinking



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:10 PM

Yeah but I still want to help individuals, I think my field still matters.
and I enjoy it



curi 07-Sep-18 10:11 PM

one of the problems with that – in terms of civilizational importance – is that psychology mostly helps people with normal problems, not the very best people.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:12 PM

I think I'm okay with that



curi 07-Sep-18 10:12 PM

so is everyone else.



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:13 PM



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:13 PM

That's not so bad. If we all make positive contributions in one way or another there's huge ramifications.

Maybe a better psychologist can figure out how to help the very best people



curi 07-Sep-18 10:14 PM

btw you should read all the books with "psycho" in the title at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Szasz

Thomas Szasz

Thomas Stephen Szasz (SAHSS; Hungarian: Szász Tamás István [sa:s]; 15 April 1920 – 8 September 2012) was a Hungarian-American academic, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. He served for most of his career as professor of psychiatry at the State University of New York Upsta...



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:16 PM

He moved forward without induction?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:16 PM

no he wasn't an empirical researcher



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:16 PM

ago: the idea of mental illness and the apparatus of modern psychiatry as a medical specialty rest on the successful medicalization of malingering—that is, on the popular perception of behaviors called "mental illnesses" as bona fide medical diseases.

Thomas Stephen Szasz. Psychiatry: The Science of Lies (Locais do Kindle 33-34). Edição do Kindle.



curi 07-Sep-18 10:16 PM

> Maybe a better psychologist can figure out how to help the very best people

philosophy is better at helping with that than psychology is, tho there's some scope for both, but it's very very hard to help someone who is a significantly better philosopher than you are



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:16 PM

i was just reading it



curi 07-Sep-18 10:16 PM

with their personal problems

szasz is just the best thinker/writer who dealt with psychology as a major focus



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:17 PM

Never heard of him



curi 07-Sep-18 10:18 PM

that's so sad.

i wish i'd heard of him sooner. he died a year after i contacted him.

Reisman might die soon too.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:18 PM

How do you know he was the best thinker in Psychology?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:19 PM

i read his books and i talked with him, and i talked with other ppl involved with psychology and read some things



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:19 PM

do you talk to Reisman?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:19 PM

some. he's busy writing economics.

the best ppl always like me.



JustinCEO 07-Sep-18 10:20 PM

> you're not alone in not listening. on the FoR list – yes, a list about DD's book – i recall one of the ppl saying Popper couldn't possibly have actually reject induction b/c that would be stupid but Popper was smart.

Oh man I remember that



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:21 PM

Ok so you said become an expert on Epistemology? Also is Bayesian thinking useful in any scenario?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:21 PM

it's useful for doing probability math correctly

it's not useful for epistemology

the bayesian community has other ideas, some of which have some use in epistemology. like stuff about not being biased. but i don't think it's particularly good or useful compared to the better ideas FI already has.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:22 PM

Right seperate questions there.

Separate*



curi 07-Sep-18 10:23 PM

i liked HPMOR enough to read it.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:23 PM

HPMOR?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:23 PM

ur not familiar with yudkowsky?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:24 PM

Yeah I am reading his Ai to zombies book slowly, oh you mean his Harry Potter something one?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:24 PM

yes



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:24 PM

Havent looked at that one yet



curi 07-Sep-18 10:24 PM

he really hates popper and censors his forums, and his ideas about AI are extremely dangerous and evil.

but he has some good traits too



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:25 PM

Evil?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:25 PM

yes

at the same time he doesn't want AGIs to be treated as people and he's propagandizing them as a civilizational threat and thereby attempting to start a war.

the main thing preventing him from starting this war is that he and his fellows have no idea how to make an AGI.

it's particularly ridiculous b/c he himself says we would lose the war. his answer is, more or less, a first strike: to enslave the AGIs and never let them have any resources to fight (or live decently) with.



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:28 PM

ugh



curi 07-Sep-18 10:29 PM

he even has a scenario, like a war game, where one person plays the caged AGI and the other the human. IIRC he says basically he's always able to play the AGI and trick the human into letting him out so that he can conquer the world.

he won't play the game with me. the game is ridiculous: i'd let the AGI out on purpose. but if i actually wanted to keep the AGI caged, i would be able to do it.

so he has millions of dollars more funding than FI, b/c rich ppl have no idea where to put their charity money and are gullible



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:32 PM

where does their ideas of AGI come from? Because i would've thought that people want to create AGI because they think that AGI will be literally *artificial people*



curi 07-Sep-18 10:32 PM

they don't even understand that, it's more like they think computers are god
they know nothing of explanatory universality



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:33 PM

computers are god + a person with godlike abilities will be evil



curi 07-Sep-18 10:33 PM

yeah they are clueless about morality



G Neto 07-Sep-18 10:34 PM

right



curi 07-Sep-18 10:34 PM

and that a better, smarter person would be MORE moral than they are, so they should stop projecting their own nastiness on it



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:34 PM

So for becoming an expert in epistemology you'd recommend reading more Popper and Deutsch?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:34 PM

yes, specifically the sections outlined in the FI book recommendations + discussing those on FI

+ my stuff



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:34 PM

Why FI over Curi?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:35 PM

it's on the FI site

<http://fallibleideas.com/books>

Fallible Ideas – Books

Philosophy articles by Elliot Temple



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:35 PM

No i mean why discuss there over curi



curi 07-Sep-18 10:35 PM

oh, it's the more serious forum

everyone but me pays more attention to it

it has all the momentum as the serious forum, all the established traditions, atmosphere, ethos, etc. ppl are used to it.

e.g. ppl use more quoting in emails than in curi posts



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:38 PM

Are you familiar with Max Tegmark?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:38 PM

the email forum is 24 years old, vs. 15 for my blog
but the blog had much lower discussion volume until recently
@Tegmark probably some. a bit. but i forget offhand.
ah i see he's an AI hater like yudkowsky
they research how to put chains on AIs instead of the liberal ideas about harmony of
interests and win/win solutions to soluble problems, not conflicts of interest.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:41 PM

oh right yes, I don't think hes quite anti as Yudkowsky but I meant more on the physics side of
things. He took Everett seriously a long time ago and has done some work there
He wrote the Mathematical Universe
btw how old are you if you don't mind me asking



curi 07-Sep-18 10:41 PM

i don't tell ppl that



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:42 PM

You think I might be agist?
ageist*?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:42 PM

that is one of many reasons
i have a general policy of trying to keep irrelevant personal characteristics out of my work.
as does Ann Coulter, btw. i appreciated it when she mentioned that.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:49 PM

The way you have Popper's book recommendation is that optimized for his overall
philosophy? would you change something if the goal is specifically epistimology?



curi 07-Sep-18 10:49 PM

it's very epistemology focused b/c that's his best work
you can skip other things if you want. the titles are generally giveaways, e.g. "Utopia and
Violence"
and "On the Theory of Democracy"
looks like the rest are epistemology related



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:52 PM

I feel like I am going to get in so much trouble with my professors from now on. xD



curi 07-Sep-18 10:53 PM

yeah i got in big trouble for e.g. writing an essay critical of marriage.
the thing about books is the rate of reading popper and understanding him decently is maybe 1%, and the rate of reading Popper and understanding him really well, just from the books, is: i think DD and *maybe* Feynman are the only ppl to do that.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 10:58 PM

Well that's not very encouraging 😞



curi 07-Sep-18 10:58 PM

i know, it's one of the main reasons i haven't written a book yet.
i consider discussion the key. b/c books don't do a good enough job of correcting ppl's errors.
they can't predict every misconception any readers will have – only a few – so they can't address it.
and the misconceptions snowball.



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 11:00 PM

So if I read a chapter is probably a good idea I check I am not misinterpreting something before moving on? Probably would annoy the fuck out of the FI group though.



curi 07-Sep-18 11:00 PM

we saw recently what happened with Reisman on how the market sets prices. just from reading, you weren't able to analyze it correctly. and on top of that, you didn't say "i don't get this part..." and ask for help preemptively. it takes a lot of initiative to find and correct errors, from someone, and ppl mostly don't do that themselves (or even let me help).



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 11:01 PM

I did it a little, asked for help in parts



curi 07-Sep-18 11:01 PM

you will get no complaints for making 10 threads per chapter, but you will get many complaints if you only make 1 thread at the end of the chapter. FYI
chapters are big chunks
this has been empirically tested repeatedly



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 11:08 PM

what



curi 07-Sep-18 11:09 PM
?



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 11:09 PM
what has been empirically tested



curi 07-Sep-18 11:11 PM
FI responses to things ppl do with books



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 11:15 PM
So you recommend Deutsch books first then go back and do Popper in the order you list?



curi 07-Sep-18 11:15 PM
sounds good



HeuristicWorld (Andy) 07-Sep-18 11:17 PM
I've read BOI 2x but plan to read it soon again, and still working on FoR first time.