

Speedrunning as a way to learn philosophy (with meta - meta that was resolved omitted)

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ratinfuture: i want to dive deeper into FI make it part of my everyday life. i am trying to understand and reach the level of detail you guys reach in a discussion curi said something like - people need to start/focus on something simple. I just have to* figure out what i want to start with(edited) have to*

GISTE: have you considered speedrunning super Mario Odyssey?

TheRat: speedrunning is not the way to learn philosophy. [...] you certainly won't learn [philosophy] playing mario.

GISTE: I agree with TheRat that just "playing mario" won't help at all. [note, I was saying this for ratinfuture's benefit, so that he doesn't think that playing Mario is equivalent to speedrunning Mario. But also, I really did think that TheRat meant "just playing Mario" as opposed to speedrunning Mario.]

J: [TheRat] specifically mentioned speedrunning

GISTE: hmm, so I should have kept speedrunning as part of context of TheRat's comment about "playing mario".

Some discussion between SS and I that resulted in SS agreeing with me.

TheRat: You're right Freeze I shouldn't have assumed good faith from GISTE when he responded to me. He was trying to misrepresent what I said. To be fair to me, I don't take him very seriously so. I didn't care what he was saying tbh. Also his misinterpretation really doesn't matter to my main point as I said, video games and speed run video games both do not help with philosophy

Freeze: I think you're agreeing with like the most minor point I made in all of this

Freeze: Was J criticizing GISTE[?] I at first thought this was a crit of Rat but once I re-read everything and J explained, I realized it was J criticizing GISTE.

TheRat: It holds that J is being pedantic either way whether he was being pedantic at me or GISTE.

Freeze: [J] was pointing out that GISTE agreed with a misrepresentation of [TheRat's] argument

TheRat: its needless pedantry that serves to derail

J: GISTE misinterpreted what Rat said in a substantive way and Rat won't concede cuz he wants to attack me as a pedant

TheRat: and [J] was/is quite successfully [derailing], we[re] still talking about it. yeah in this case J was being pedantic in my favor, but that doesn't make it less pedantic.

TheRat: [J] is being pedantic about me dropping the speedrunning part. So this is a perfect example of bad time to go extra detailed ratnfuture. serves no purpose other than to derail. The pedantic part was J worried that it really mattered that I didn't repeat the word speedrunning. and just said mario.

GISTE: my best guess is TheRat thought that J's criticism of my comment was derailing the topic of TheRat's negative view of speedrunning as a way to learn philosophy. thoughts?

Freeze: Yeah, I think that makes sense. It was also derailing from the fact that you agreed with TheRat that speedrunning was not a way to learn philosophy (from Rat's perspective)

Freeze: After J clarified a bit, TheRat also said that J was being pedantic in his favour, but it was still pedantism I'm interested in how he thought J was arguing in his favour Since J was pointing out that you misrepresented his view, but Rat believed you hadn't. He believed that he knew what you meant and had understood it So it seems then that J wouldn't have been arguing in his favour at all.

GISTE: TheRat spent tons of time/effort/comments on meta about J's supposed pedantism and it's purpose being to detail, but he could have spent his time/effort/comments on the topic that he thinks was being derailed. But he didn't do that. And TheRat was the one that says he hates meta.

Freeze: He only spent a few seconds/minutes writing short responses calling it pedantry right? I don't think he did much explaining, arguing, or other forms of time-consuming discussion. I think he does hate meta, I doubt he enjoyed the time he spent calling it pedantry. If we immediately went back to discussing speedrunning with ratnfuture, I think Rat would have enjoyed participating in that more. Although I don't know if he had more to say on the subject of how learning speedrunning can't help someone learn philosophy at the time he seemed to consider it an obvious conclusion, since clearly speedrunning has nothing to do with philosophy

GISTE: to be clear, I was not saying that he likes meta. I was implying that since he hates meta, why didn't he avoid the meta and talk about the topic he wanted to talk about?

Freeze: Ah. Presumably calling J's thing pedantic and saying it's derailing was his way of trying to get us back on topic? Alternatively, maybe he should have just said, On the subject of [real thing he wants to discuss], here are my thoughts...

GISTE: but there was plenty of discussion already occurring on that topic.

J: why be in a chat where things are argued if you're not open to argument?

TheRat: ratnfuture [GISTE] has been speed running video games for like a year and yesterday failed to have a simple conversation with several people without evading and dodging and doing endless non-sequiturs.

TheRat: I think its safe to say that speedrunning video games is not the way to learn philosophy.

Discussion between Freeze and TheRat purposed for Freeze understanding TheRat's view that GISTE should have been discussing instead of, or in connection with, speedrunning.

Freeze: So tell me if I'm constructing your perspective well. Correct me on any of this/ add extra stuff: GISTE wanted to learn philosophy -> GISTE tried philosophy discussions on FI -> GISTE did not do well at them > GISTE tried other learning projects -> didn't go well -> GISTE was recommended to do Super Mario Speedrunning -> Has been doing it for over a year -> Had some evasion + non sequitur issues in a philosophy discussion yesterday -> therefore it's safe to say SMO speedrunning is not a good way to learn to learn philosophy, as GISTE would have not been so evasive if his speedrunning had been helping his philosophy. If instead he'd been practicing philosophy discussions for the last year, where people can point out evasion + non sequitur problems, then he'd be better off in this regard and therefore better at philosophy in general.

TheRat: my conjecture is that this speedrunning thing is just to get people that are annoying curi to go away. A clever ruse. You get the feeling of progress in the video game and think oh wow curi is helping me so much. Then you come back and are like I am ready to discuss philosophy Daddy. Then he'll be told ok, well not ready yet, try this more difficult video game and come back in a year.

J: ^ Social metaphysics in action Rat can't imagine speedrunning is a good faith suggestion with args involved, looks at stuff in terms of Daddy/kid role.

TheRat: Maybe you shouldn't flame Justin. That could help the flamey situation.

ratinfuture: i dont understand the meanness thats happening. i like FI, curi makes sense to me. i am trying to learn, get better and not make mistakes.

J: There's some ongoing context with @TheRat wanting to flame curi and FI, saying stuff in bad faith (see pin), disliking detailed analysis etc

J: This is kinda like the chat for the FI ppl to talk to the hostile ppl if they want

ratinfuture: by playing the game you learn to detail it. that education in detailing you can later use in learning philosophy. thats what i understood from that link [that GISTE provided].

GISTE: TheRat's logic is this. X doesn't help because it didn't help with Y. what about Y1, Y2, ... YN, etc? also, what about him possibly being wrong about Y?

ratinfuture: no i haven't. i don't have that game

GISTE: one huge advantage of doing that over other projects is that there's tons more help and project planning/organization already figured out by others than compared to other projects. especially considering that other FI people are/have speedrunning that game.

ratinfuture: so you breakdown your run?

GISTE: there's tons of breaking down something into its parts when doing speedrunning. [...] [but] the project is alot more than just breaking things down into parts

ratinfuture: if i like playing Overwatch, what would i need to do? [...] maybe i can read somewhere what the project is?

GISTE: <https://curi.us/2198-mario-odyssey-discussion> [...] there's more material than just that link. lemme know if you want more.