

Peer Review

Review of: "Free Will: Reality and Perception"

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The paper is clearly written and engaging, but as a short piece, it currently reads more like a sketch than a fully articulated contribution. In the postface, the author identifies two main contributions: (1) the probabilistic/statistical move associated with Figure 1, and (2) a re-imagination of pragmatism's role in the free will debate. If these are indeed the central novel elements, I would encourage the author to foreground and expand on them more explicitly, and to frame them against current positions so the novelty is obvious to a reader who is not already convinced.

1) Figure 1: please explain the probabilistic move in plain language, step-by-step.

At present, I'm not confident I fully understand the inferential steps the figure is meant to support (It might just be me). I would appreciate a short, explicit walk-through so that I can better understand the statistical gymnastics. It might be relevant for other readers as well. But if not, maybe just a rebuttal for this ignorant reviewer.

2) Pragmatism: make the "new angle" unmistakable and dwell on it a bit more.

If the re-imagined role for pragmatism is a major contribution, the paper should state this more directly and develop it further. As written, I'm not sure I can clearly articulate what the re-imagination is, how it differs from standard pragmatic moves already common in this literature, and what new leverage it provides.

Declarations

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