Review of: "The Age of the Algorithmic Society — A Girardian Analysis of Mimesis, Rivalry, and Identity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence"

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This is well-written, interesting and innovative article, with good understanding of R.Girard's theory and excellent applying it to the explanation of modern and further relationships between humans and AI. Unfortunately, I am not competent in this theory to evaluate the correctness of the author's understanding Girardian ideas - thus, this article is good material for improving knowledge on Girard's theory in application to modern issues of AGI. I value very much an accurate and consequence terminological apparatus of the article, especially Girardian notions of sacred and profaned. Moreover, the author put forward original and topical research questions: "Are we at risk of becoming mere nodes in this digital network, our primary function being to provide data for the AI's learning process?"

I would ask to improve two aspects of the article before publication:

1. describing methods applied for achieving the aim of the article. Furthermore, what methods are used to know that "this not only affects their personal relationships and social harmony but also influences their political and social attitudes, leading to a more divided and conflict-prone society" or any other influence and relationships between phenomena mentioned in the article? Without scientific methods it seems interesting scientific popular essay (like books by Harari), but not scientific article.
2. explaining the thesis "desires do not stem from individual needs, but are, in essence, social constructs". What about the desire to eat, to drink, to sleep, etc.? And also: why do you think that AGI influences human desires more than always cultural and social environment did it?