

# 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 article is indeed stimulating, as the breadth of the reviewer's comments suggest. It stimulated several thoughts in my own thinking and is a valuable contribution.

The principle thought was that the Girardian framework is useful, but not sufficient. One way of interpreting Maslov's hierarchy of needs that has proven useful for characterizing societies is a framework of survivalists, outward-looking individuals, and inward-looking individuals. These categories have little to do with wealth or social status. Survivalists approach the world in a me first, protect what I have while amassing wealth. Outward-looking individuals fit most closely in the Girardian framework. They are those who measure their worth by how well others are doing, thereby creating zero-sum thinking. Their form of rivalry is well described here. The third set of inward-looking people are less driven by ego and measure their worth according to inner standards. They are less susceptible to mimesis.

Rather than continuing, let me just say that I found the remarks of the other commenters useful and this paper provides a node of analysis useful for connecting to many other avenues.