Review of: "Artificial Consciousness: Misconception(s) of a Self-Fulfilling Prophecy Nobody Wants"

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The paper is very engaging, with many insights. But it seems that the original intention of the paper that is promised in the title and an abstract has been marginalized; the question of artificial consciousness and whys and whatfors gets relatively limited discussion. The paper is primarily about theories of consciousness and their various limitations. This analysis makes the paper worth publishing, though maybe under a different title. We get some insights into why consciousness cannot be "computerized" based on our current understanding (or lack of it) of what consciousness is, what software is, what a computer program is, and what computing is. We do not get the answer to why "nobody wants" this thing to happen, even if we intuitively know that it would be a bad thing if it happened, and nobody, with the exception of psychopaths, rogue computer gurus, and some CEOs, wants this to happen (Metzinger's paper on a moratorium on artificial consciousness is one argument, though not without some flaws, in this direction). Despite these minor limitations, the paper makes a valuable contribution.