

Review of: "A Dispositional Account of Self-Deception: A Critical Analysis of Sartre's Theory of Bad Faith"

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I would like to compliment the author on his text, in which he distinguishes between an expandable and a contracting self-state-system, presenting his assumption in contrast to the considerations of Freud and Sartre. In my opinion, however, it is not necessary to contrast with these two authors to present the original point of view. At least with regard to Freud, I can provide a more precise explanation since this is my area of expertise: in my view, Freudian psychoanalysis is presented in a very simplified way (as might be the case in Sartre). In my opinion, the theory of denial/disavowal (which states that two conflicting cognitions can exist in the conscious mind, for example, regarding whether a woman has a penis or not; see Freud's later theory of perversion) and Freud's work "The Ego and the Id" are more suitable than Freud's general model of the psyche (incidentally, there are two different models, the first and the second topic). But even if one puts aside that these are more suitable references, the question remains open as to whether the author's assumption about self-states can really be read as a demarcation to or extension of Freud/Sartre.

Furthermore, in the text very different theories are presented alongside each other: Freud's psychoanalysis, academic psychology, Damasio's neuropsychology, or Panksepp's theories. In my opinion, it should be considered whether more metatheoretical mediation is necessary. Of course, Freud, Sartre, and a (system-theoretical-looking) perspective on self-states operate on different fields. Don't they also have different objects of investigation? In short, it should be considered whether to examine Freud and Sartre (and then each one more thoroughly) in one essay and to develop the assumption of self-states/systems in a second one. Or at least expand the Freudian part so that psychoanalysis is not reduced to a rather outdated view on drives as agents.