

Peer Review

Review of: "Jeopardizing Happiness. "No One Can Coerce Me To Be Happy in His Way""

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This article analyses the philosophical dimensions of happiness, emphasizing its relational nature and the ways in which societal structures—such as primitive accumulation, enclosures, and neoliberal capitalism—jeopardize individual and collective well-being. The author integrates Kantian ethical principles with contemporary social analysis, introducing compelling concepts like “moral bubbles” and “epistemic bubbles” to explain how violence and harm are often concealed within dominant narratives.

Strengths:

Philosophical Rigor: The author demonstrates a solid grasp of Kantian ethics, particularly the principle that individuals should be free to pursue happiness without coercion, and explores how this principle interacts with social injustices.

Innovative Concepts: The introduction and elaboration of “moral bubbles” provide a nuanced framework for understanding not only systemic violence but also individual complicity and blindness.

Interdisciplinary Approach: The article effectively bridges philosophy, economics, sociology, and political theory, enriching the philosophical analysis with historical and contemporary contexts.

Critical Engagement: It critically analyzes how dominant narratives and economic frameworks serve to mask violence, thus challenging readers to reconsider accepted truths about progress and prosperity.

Weaknesses:

Lack of Empirical Data: Although rich in philosophical and historical references, the article would benefit from integrating empirical findings or case studies to ground its theoretical claims.

Clarity and Accessibility: At times, the dense philosophical language and numerous references may make the text challenging for readers outside specialized academic circles.

Structural Organization: The paper's structure could be improved for clearer argument progression—some sections seem to jump between ideas without fully developing the transitions.

Policy Implications: While the theoretical insights are profound, the article could elaborate more explicitly on practical or policy steps to address the issues raised.

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.