

Peer Review

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

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Thank you for the opportunity to read your preprint *"Jeopardizing Happiness. 'No One Can Coerce Me To Be Happy in His Way.'"* Your work is engaging and thought-provoking, especially in how it situates happiness not merely as an individual pursuit but as fundamentally relational and vulnerable to collective structures, historical forces, and moral blindness.

I felt that while each section raises important points, the narrative occasionally lacks a clear guiding thread. A stronger framing of your core argument at the beginning (e.g., a roadmap of key themes) would help readers navigate the many directions the paper explores.

The concept of "moral bubble" is central to your argument but could benefit from clearer, more systematic elaboration earlier in the article. Right now, it feels like it is introduced midway, which weakens its integration into the earlier discussion. A schematic diagram or conceptual model illustrating these relationships could greatly enhance comprehension.

Could some forms of "coerced happiness" (e.g., public health policies) be justified under certain conditions? Are all "moral bubbles" necessarily negative, or could they sometimes serve protective or community-building functions?

A short discussion of these points would add critical balance to your thesis.

You might strengthen the paper by adding and expanding contemporary examples.

I enjoyed reading your article.

I look forward to seeing this important work continue to evolve.

With kind regards,

Indu Peiris

Declarations

Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.