

Peer Review

Review of: "Reporting and Subjectivity Traps: A Brief Opinion Article on Consciousness as Belief"

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This article offers a compelling and thought-provoking analysis of key methodological challenges in consciousness research, particularly the entanglement of subjective reporting and the assumed coherence of the self. The argument that consciousness may be better understood as a belief system is both original and well-supported by empirical and philosophical sources.

Two concrete suggestions for strengthening the manuscript:

- (1) The "Alternative views" section could be expanded with specific empirical examples—such as studies involving non-verbal subjects or artificial agents—to better illustrate how current or future methods might circumvent the reporting trap.
- (2) The concept of "belief" in relation to consciousness could be clarified further. Perhaps due to my background outside this specific area, I found it a bit ambiguous whether "belief" refers to a metacognitive judgment, an adaptive illusion, or something else. A clearer definition would help sharpen the central argument.

Overall, this is a valuable and insightful contribution that raises important questions for both theoretical and empirical research on consciousness.

Declarations

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