

Review of: "Beyond the Physical Self: Understanding the Perversion of Reality and the Desire for Digital Transcendence via Digital Avatars in the Context of Baudrillard's Theory"

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A very well-written article that is really relevant to what is going on with our real-life identity struggles, especially after the pandemic. The article seems a bit too lengthy, but it is necessary to lay the groundwork for the points that the author is trying to make. I have a couple minor suggestions for revision:

1. "But what happens when these digital simulacra become more 'real' to us than our If our digital avatars can have experiences and relationships that feel just as real, if not more so, than those we have in the physical world, then it could be argued that these avatars have become more 'real' than our physical selves. " This is a run-on sentence that must be revised.
2. The author uses the terms "digital dualism transcendence" and "digital transcendence dualism" to refer to the same concept. I think "digital dualism transcendence" needs to be used throughout the text to ensure consistence
3. While the author implies that digital escapism and perversion of reality in Baudrillardian sense is "equally" true for everybody, it is actually distributed very unevenly for people around the world, due to limited access to advanced technologies or disinterest by older generations. Poor and older people are highly unlikely to have digital avatars or use AR or VR technologies. In a way, having perverted reality problems is still an issue for the "elites" of the world. It would help to talk about this in the conclusion section to improve this article even further.
4. I would like to hear more detailed predictions about the future. Can it still be utopian, rather than a dystopian future awaiting for us? What could be some alternative scenarios?