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Voluntarism

Voluntarism is the belief that our actions and choices are driven mainly by willpower that is, by our desire, intention, or determination rather than by logical thinking or understanding. It emphasizes the role of human will as the primary force behind decisions and behaviour.

Personal Interpretation of the Chosen “Ism”

Every “-ism” represents a set of beliefs or principles related to philosophy, politics, or morality.

For example:

- *Capitalism* believes in private ownership and free markets.
- *Humanism* emphasizes human value and reason.
- *Voluntarism* believes that willpower dominates intellect and that our choices are guided more by determination than by pure logic.

Gamifying Pong with Voluntarism

Incorporating the concept of Voluntarism into the Pong game means designing gameplay that relies more on the player’s will and adaptability rather than predictable logic. The player should feel challenged in a way that tests determination, not just reflexes.

Rules to Add or Change for Implementing Voluntarism

1. Since Voluntarism emphasizes individual action, the game becomes a **single-player experience**, where the player competes against the system.
2. To reflect the dominance of willpower over logic, the **key controls are intentionally reversed**:
 - Pressing the **right key** moves the player **left**.
 - Pressing the **left key** moves the player **right**.

This deliberate reversal forces the player to rely on their determination and adaptability rather than on automatic, logical thinking. It transforms a simple reflex-based game into one of persistence and control over instinct.

Note to the Player

Welcome to *Pong: The Voluntarism Edition*.

This version of Pong is inspired by the philosophical idea of **Voluntarism**, the belief that our actions and decisions stem from willpower rather than logic or reasoning.

In this game, the controls are purposefully reversed: pressing the right key moves you left, and pressing the left key moves you right. This design challenges your instincts and tests your determination to adapt.

The goal is not just to win but to experience the strength of your own willpower — to prove that success can come from persistence and adaptability rather than logical perfection.

Play not with your mind, play with your **will**.

