

Realism and evidence in the philosophy of mind

typescript - Challenges to Metaphysical Realism (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

POSITIVISM VERSUS REALISM	
POSITIVISM	REALISM
Positivism is the philosophical theory that claims that whatever exists can be verified through observation, experiments, and mathematical/logical evidence	Realism is the philosophical view that claims that the world exists independent of the mind
Only accepts those that can be scientifically verified or are capable of logical or mathematical proof; rejects metaphysics and theism	Describes the nature of reality in general - it claims that the world exists independent of the mind
Epistemological	Mainly metaphysical
Rejects subjects like metaphysics and theism as they cannot be scientifically or logically proven	May allow nonscientific sources of knowledge, depending on whether reality is understood to be independent

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Sense data are seen as inner objects, objects that among other things are colored. Because of this, at the time when perceptual processing is complete, the properties of perceived objects may be distinct from those possessed by the object at the time when their causal engagement with our perceptual apparatus began. There is only immaterial substance.

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We have seen that for the naïve realist, objects that are not actually being perceived continue to have all the properties we normally perceive them as having.

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But subsidiary goals, such as dominating the center of the board early, may be attributable to particular programs, depending on their 'behavior'. The objects of perception include such familiar items as paper clips, suns and olive oil tins. They are imputed by real living people.

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In addition, it is misleading to think that there is a straightforward and clear-cut choice between being a realist and a non-realist about a particular subject matter. Would the threat we then felt to the objectivity of facts about the distribution of gases on the moons of Jupiter be at all assuaged by the reflection that facts about the mental might themselves be susceptible to realistic treatment? Classically, opposition to the independence dimension of realism about the everyday world of macroscopic objects took the form of idealism, the view that the objects of the everyday world of macroscopic objects are in some sense mental.

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The contents of the brain alone do not determine the nature of our thoughts and experiences.

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