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Parfit's Bundle Theory

Parfit's Bundle Theory of personal identity is definitely the more prudent theory in light of modern discoveries and careful though experiments.

Parfit says there isn't such a thing as personal identity over time. A person is a collection of parts, and this person's continued existence is due to a continual experience of causal events. *add citation?*

Ego Theory is the idea that a person is a continued being experiencing events over time. This person or Ego is the *only* this person, and this singular person may have many experiences at one time.

Unfortunately for Ego theorists, two cases of brain disfigurement clearly show us to be nothing more than a combination of our parts. In one case a man's personality was greatly changed after a traumatic brain injury, and in another a man seems largely unchanged after splitting his mind in two.

Trying to tie self to our brains – will need to elaborate.

In the now infamous case of Phineas Gage, his frontal lobe was pierced by a metal rod, and he survived. "In 1848, Mr. Phineas Gage suffered destruction of his left frontal lobe in a unique fashion: passage of a metal rod through his head after a freak explosion." "Gage applied to regain his former job as foreman, but his contractors, who regarded him as the most efficient and capable foreman in their employ previous to his injury, considered the change in his mind so marked that they could not give him his place again." (Barker) *have to rewrite and maybe pick different lines to cite.*

Split Brain Case

Replica thought experiment. Daniel Dennet

Daniel Dennet writes about a scenario in which his body and mind are physically separated but electronically connected. In this thought experiment, a ‘computer backup’ of his mind is created such that it makes the exact same decisions as his mind would. Then, a switch is implemented such that he can switch which mind is actually controlling his body at any one point in time, but the sensory input is always the same.

Elaborate and eventually ask what is Dennet now that he’s got two minds and a different body?

Psychological connectedness. None of you as a child likely still exists.

Consider and respond to an objection to your view.

Still bundle theory doesn’t seem to satisfying in regards to many basic questions.

Who are you? How can this be satisfying? Where do things like guilt and commitment fall when you’re not the same person?

Resources

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Future Thoughts for Final Draft

Interactivism – Body can affect mind and visa versa.

Reductive Physicalism

Phineas Gage -Rod through skull. New personality.

Substance Dualism vs Materialism

Frank Jackson's Mary → Black and white life → studying color → seeing color. 'Qualia'

Sentience – Ability to feel pain and enjoyment.

Cognitive criteria for personhood.