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Assigned Reading: Haybron, Chapters 5-8

Learning Outcomes:

Debate Question: In this reading, Haybron considers the variety of factors that underlie the experience of happiness. Note how the philosophical method compares (and contrasts) to the cultural and social science approaches we have seen so far in class. What does philosophy help us see that the other methods miss? Does philosophy fail to grasp key features of happiness?

The focus of Haybron by explaining the approach of happiness is to define it in the form of everyday term. Explanation of the main idea of the experience of happiness helps to analyze the different perspectives of philosophy, culture, and the overall domain of the social sciences. The author provides the list of the sources that can recognized as the basic factors associated with the phenomenon of happiness. It is worthy to mention that the philosophical perspective of happiness expands the scientific domain relevant to this particular idea. The philosophical idea of happiness is differ from the positioning of cultural and social science perspectives based on the psychological aspects related to pursuit of happiness other than the idea of heritable form of happiness. The author established the approach that changes in our lives, ending up roughly as happy as we were before” (53). The overall domain of the philosophy helps to identify the potential of the humans that leads them to the realm of happiness. It provides indications that different life events and the capacity of human nature to react those incidents influence their prospect of happiness. The concept of security under the domain of philosophy provides different explanation of happiness as compare to the other noteworthy approaches. This specific concept is illustrated through the example of rock climbing. It referred as “rock climbing is not the world’s safest pastime, yet climbers often describe clinging to a sheer cliff face.” (55) The example relevant to the security focus on the personal interpretation of scary elements. The list of sources of happiness provides clear idea to grasp key aspects of the phenomenon of happiness. Some aspects helps to determine about the collective approach of different methods linked with the concept of happiness. It is further explained as, “outlook shapes happiness at the culture level as well.” (64)

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Learning Outcome: This assignment helps to determine about the different approaches of philosophy, culture, and social science associated with the concept of happiness.

Learning Outcome: It helps to evaluate the idea of happiness of philosophical foundations.

Work Cited

Haybron, Daniel M. Happiness: A very short introduction. Vol. 360. Oxford University Press, 2013.