

Libertarianism

Two sorts of causation

D1: e_1 *event-causes* e_2 =df. e_1 is an event; e_2 is an event, e_1 comes before e_2 , and e_1 makes e_2 happen. ($e_1 \rightarrow e_2$)

D2: M *agent-causes* e_2 =df. M is a person; e_2 is an event; M makes e_2 happen; no event event-causes e_2 . ($M \Rightarrow e_2$; $\neg \rightarrow e_2$)

New Versions of Old Principles

PUC': Every event has a cause, but some events are agent-caused by people, and not event-caused by anything.

FWT': Sometimes people perform actions that are agent-caused by themselves.

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A. Every event has a cause, but some events are agent-caused by people, and other events are event-caused by events. (Accepts FWT' and PUC')

B. People are morally responsible for their own agent-caused acts, as well as for the consequences of those acts.

An Argument against Libertarianism

1. There can be a science of man (viz., psychology).
2. If (1), then every human action has an event-cause.
3. If every human action has an event-cause, then Libertarianism is false.
4. Therefore, Libertarianism is false. 1,2,3 MMP