

Determinism – an essay plan

Hard Determinist's arguments:

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- Biology (Genetics; Galton – Eugenics; Muller- genius sperm bank)
- Teleology (Omniscience and Omnipotence; Calvin and Pre-election)
- Psychology (Watson 'Give me a dozen healthy infants'; Darrow – Leopold and Loeb; Skinner – Operant conditioning; Walden Two)
- Physics (LaPlace's Demon)
- Philosophy (Theory of Universal Causation; Spinoza; Locke - locked room)

Incompatibilism

Absurdity of free will (if not caused, our actions are random)

Libertarian arguments

- Biology – influences behaviour, but doesn't determine it
- Teleology – God only sees what has happened, not what's going to happen
- Psychology – can only say what we *may* do not what we *must* do
- Physics – Quantum mechanics and Chaos theory undermines the scientific predictability
- Philosophy - correlation isn't causation

Campbell – uncaused moral self

3 further arguments

1. Our experience of choice
2. The nature of choice (the act of decision making)
3. Truths about the world are contingent, therefore not necessary; therefore not determined

Soft Determinism

Hume - Internal/External causes

Ayer – the difference between what we are compelled to do, and what we choose to do

Free will requires determinism (undetermined=random)

Vardy – 'modern compatibilism'