

Criticisms against Principle of Maximal Utility

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Looking over the hedonism summary now, I see it really needs to be reworded. However, I am not sure what parts, if any, are incorrect. If you would please help me remake or fix the hedonism summary, I would appreciate it.

I created the current summary from searching online and trying to match what I learned to sources. The points I wanted to cover in the summary were:

Hedonism in General - All pleasure and only pleasure is intrinsically valuable ; all pain and only pain is intrinsically disvaluable

Motivational/Psychological Hedonism - Pursuing pleasure and avoiding pain influence every decision one makes, whether consciously or unconsciously

Normative/Ethical Hedonism - It is morally correct to pursue or increase pleasure and avoid or decrease pain

Prudential Hedonism - Happiness = Pleasure - Pain

Value Hedonism - What makes an action important is the amount of pleasure or pain it creates

Would you mind using a conversation on the website to help create a simple explanation of hedonism for newcomers?

The "Teachings on Higher Pleasures" is only based on utilitarianism. Thank you for the "Reasonings About Philodemus' On Choices and Avoidances" article. Hopefully, I will better understand what Epicurus meant by different kinds of pleasures.

Your "Utilitarian Reasonings" are interesting. I will enjoy reading more thoroughly later. Thank you.