

NPR Fresh Air: Dr. Anna Lembke on pleasure, pain, and addiction

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This is actually even more interesting because the intersection of the axes could be considered a neutral state, but if all states in this model must occur on the circle itself then there is no neutral state.

Thanks for that, [Godfrey](#) ! I think you're right. The only truly "neutral" state would be at the intersection of the two axes which can't actually exist if the affect exists in the circle. So Epicurus was "right" in a sense that there is no neutral state. You're either feeling pleasure or pain.