

Have PD35 and Vatican Saying 7 been straw-manned?

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Most of the struggle to maintain their power seems to be pleasurable to them.

I just wonder if this relies too much on their own self-reports and what they like to present themselves as, *basically gaslight themselves and others* by acting like they really, deep down, enjoy the struggle. When objectively, when they are anxious, they don't enjoy it as much as they and other people think, and only talk about enjoying the struggle after coming out of a bad situation okay.

Emily A. Austin has a great chapter on this whe issue of self-reports of happiness versus objective standards in chapter 3, which highlights this issue of a detective investigating a husband who says he's happy, even though objectively, he seems not to be.