

Is Self Preservation a Virtue?

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Let me state a hypothetical position without using the word virtue:

In one's rational behavior decisionmaking (hedonic calculus), one should always consider the risk of death or injury associated with the behavior, and the impact of the behavior on one's health and longevity. This self-preservation assessment is equally important or superior to the question of whether the behavior will result in pleasure.

Justification: Life is what allows us to enjoy pleasure, so preservation and extension of one's life is the prime directive to maximize one's ability to experience pleasure.