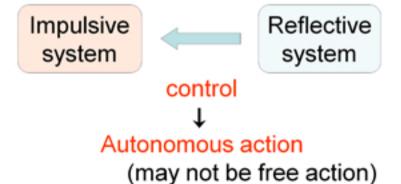
Autonomy of Action

What is autonomy of action?

A two-systems model of decision making (proposed in neuroscience)

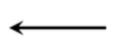
Impulsive system	Reflective system
Amygdala-dependent	Prefrontal-dependent (particularly ventromedial)
Consider: only immediate prospects of behavioral options	Consider: both immediate and future prospects of behavioral options



Actions are not autonomous

Retroactive justification

Decision by Impulsive system



Reflective system

Retroactively justify (unbeknownst to us)

Seem to control Impulsive system But, in fact, subordinate to it

Most of our actions are not autonomous

Punish or Cure?

Most of bad actions ---- not autonomous



Bad people
not to be punished
but to be cured or trained
not to act badly