

Transhumanism and the Theory of Value

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① Basic claims of Transhumanism

	Continuous with humanism	Radical
Aims	To improve human conditions	To transcend our current human states
Methods	Traditional techniques e.g. education	Direct intervention e.g. neuroenhancement

Much smarter! Healthier! Living longer!
Much happier! Than we can imagine

② A problem: motivation?

Do we want to be a Transhuman?

We have to **give up**
being a current human



Seems to be naturally valuable for us

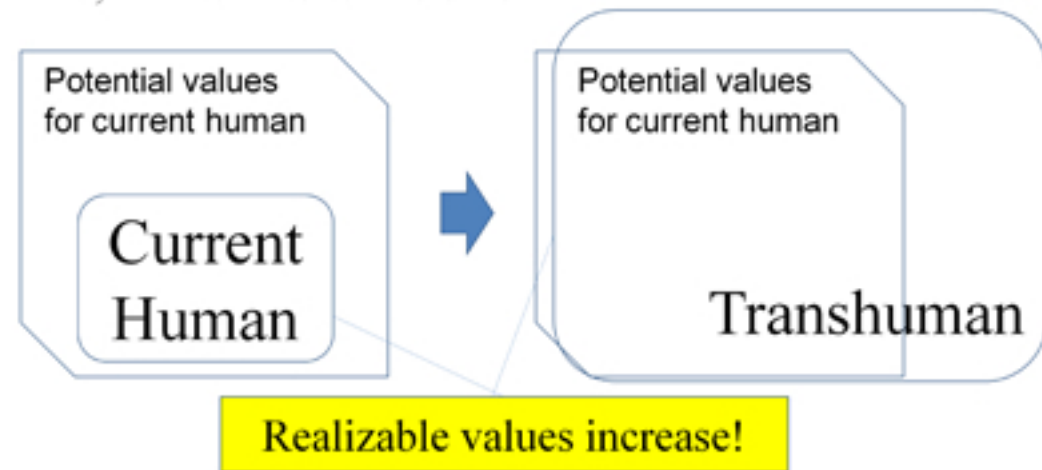


③ Justification: theory of value

Dispositional theory of value (cf. Bostrom)

Value = What we **want** to **want** under enough **knowledge**

Then, values must be as below:



④ Discussion

- Deeply involved in “folk psychology”
- Sustainable in transhuman conditions?

Transhumanism has to construct a new theory of value independent of folk psychology