

# Review of: "Should the Struggle Against Authoritarian Regimes Be Based on Aristotle's or Freud's Psychology, or Rather on Neuroscience?"

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The purpose of this paper was to illustrate the authors' positions about some societal and psychological factors that could be related to authoritarian regimes. The topic is relevant for the scope of the Journal.

I admit that this is the first time I have revised a theoretical essay, so I am not very familiar with this process.

I believe that the theme proposed by the authors has great social relevance. However, I have some doubts about the way in which it was addressed.

The authors propose a model of interpretation of an extremely complex phenomenon (that of the factors that contribute to the maintenance of authoritarian regimes), calling into question many and various factors.

Notwithstanding, the reading that emerges is a bit misleading. For example, the authors refer to the functions of hemispheric specialization, but it is not clear to me in what terms these are connected to their entire logical framework. In another point of the work, a generic reference is made to the results of some surveys. For example, on pp.13-14, the authors state: "A reference point for the readers of this article may be the authors' own results. They estimated their feelings from a few months ago, before the political change, at around 40 points (out of a possible 50)". I do not understand the meaning of this reference. Do the authors report the answers to the test they constructed and self-administered? This seems like a somewhat tautological procedure to me.

I hope these reflections can be of help.