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Is freedom of the will neutrally possible?

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In this paper we are attempting in the context of recent developments in cognitive science to examine the viability of the Libet solution to the problem of the freedom of the will. We will be showing that this solution is still possible if refraining acts can be considered not only as different kinds of actions from performing acts, but also peculiar actions that have causal consequences without having a result component. It requires a very strong commitment to an odd model of action, which makes more plausible the Wegner idea that freedom of the will is to be explained away as an illusion, albeit an illusion that is helpful in establishing the authorship of actions.

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