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Objective Reality, Male Reality, and Social Construction

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1. Discursive construction is more like a script because it has very strict criteria one must abide by to be considered "in".
2. We are all a special kind of artifact because we are all a social construction; either by attribution of others or of self-attribution.
3. To be pragmatically constructed something must be categorized by thoughts/ideas of people. Strong pragmatic construction is when something has a purpose just because it's what a person designates it to be for whatever reason. (MAY NOT BE CORRECTLY WORDED)
4. The real/unreal distinction is a weak pragmatic construction because it can be viewed either way by people depending on what they believe; it is not just categorized into one or the other.
5. Since it is weak pragmatic construction it can still be viewed very easily for the opposing viewpoint stating that there is, in fact, an independent reality.

NOTES

- Section 1: Social Construction
 - o Social Construction
 - General Social Construction → intended or unintended product of social practice
 - Discursive Social Construction → an idea of being "cool", "weird", "emo", "jock" etc. LABELS
 - Some people embrace this label and some don't which causes them to mold themselves to fit into/get out of a 'label'
 - o Artifacts → something created by society, has meaning because they have some sort of meaning
 - Bracelets (silicon bracelets usually support a cause), language, etc.
 - Something we recognize as a part of our society
 - o Humans → discursive social constructions
 - o Pragmatic construction → ideas, concepts, definitions, labels of society; ideas we have created and defined (think about evolution of culture)
 - Weak → the idea that we come from a certain backgrounds/history/language/vocabulary. The evolution of society
 - Rain → sleet/hale/freezingrain → snow. We have this distinction because we found it necessary
 - o The intuits have 20 diff. words for snow
 - Strong pragmatic construction → create something and reinforce construction so much that we forget it's a construction and take it as fact.
 - Sex v. gender
 - o Sex → anatomy
 - o Gender → how we think your behaviors should be in correspondence with your sex

- a fact will stay the same forever a social construction is subject to change(i.e. woman's rights)

- Section2: Social Construction and Reality
 - o We are completely created by our social constructs over time so can anything really ever be completely objectively real?
 - o Objective reality → something is objectively real if we can look at it from a perfectly unbiased and uninfluenced perspective and see it as it truly is
 - Impossible, if nothing else we at least trapped in a human body with the faculties we are provided
 - Real(with a capital R)
 - o Real v. real
 - We can never see Real but things do appear to us so they ARE real
 - real means there's something there for us to 'sense'
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