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*Dual process theory: dichotomy or continuity?*

Abstract

According to the dual process theory, intuitive thinking is opposed to rational thinking. A similar duality was stated independently in social cognition and in moral cognition. The duality will be briefly reviewed, and then some reasons for overcoming it will be presented, including a recent neuroscientific discovery which might help produce an integrative model of social cognition. Instead of the dichotomy of the two kinds of thinking, a continuity between them seems to be more realistic and more fruitful.