










- 1  **Personal Identity**  
Answering the question: Who am I?
- 2  **Overview**
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  - Three Theories of Identity
    - *Sameness of Substance (Locke's Critique)*
      - Somatic (The Body)
      - Immaterial (The Soul)
    - *Memory Criterion (Locke, Version 1.0)*
      - Psychological Criterion
    - *Extended Consciousness (Locke, Version 2.0)*
- 3  **Overview**  
  
Psychological Criterion  
  
vs  
  
Extended Consciousness
- 4  **Overview**  
Psychological Criterion  
Passive  
vs  
Active  
Extended Consciousness
- 5  **Importance of Identity**
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  - Same Substance (Organization of Matter)
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  - Same "Man" (Animal, Life)
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  - Same Person (Thinking, Intelligent Being)
- 6  **Importance of Personal Identity**  
  
Identification of a Person  
Responsibility  
Self-Interested Concern
- 7  **Sameness of Substance**  
  
Object at  $t_1$  is the same as Object at  $t_2$   
  
IF  
  
Both objects have the same substance
- 8  **Sameness of Substance**  
**Somatic**  
  
The same physical matter makes the same person

- 9  **Sameness of Substance Somatic**  
*Ship of Theseus*


- 10  **Sameness of Substance Immaterial**

The continuation of some immaterial thing makes the same person

- 11  **Sameness of Substance Immaterial**

Socrates

- 12  **Notes**

- 13  **Notes**  
1) Summarize the lecture to this point


2) Turn to the person next to you and read/explain your summary

- 14  **Locke's Position**

"*Self* is that conscious thinking thing . . . Which is sensible or conscious of pleasure and pain, capable of happiness or misery, and so is concerned for itself, *as far as that consciousness extends.*"  
*pp 73*

- 15  **Locke's Position**

". . . If it be possible for the same man to have distinct incommunicable consciousness at different times, it is past doubt the same man would at different times make different persons."  
*pp 74 - 75*

- 16  **Memory Criterion**  
***Consciousness = Memory***  
Direct Memory Connections

If a person at  $t_2$  has a memory of existing at  $t_1$ , then the person at  $t_2$  is the same person as at  $t_1$ .

- 17  **Memory Criterion**  
***Consciousness = Memory***  
The Old Soldier Problem

Child

Private

General

18  **Psychological Criterion**

Direct memory connections are not all that matter

Overlapping bands of

- memories,
- beliefs,
- values,
- desires,
- and intentions

19  **Psychological Criterion**

Psychological Continuity

If a person at  $t_3$  has *enough* overlapping psychological connections with a person existing at  $t_2$ , and the person at  $t_2$  has *enough* overlapping psychological connections with a person at  $t_1$ , then the persons at  $t_3$  and  $t_1$  are the same person,

20  **Psychological Criterion**

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21  **Reidentification**

*The Body . . .*

*The Soul . . .*

*Memory . . .*

*Psychological Connections . . .*

All look for something that exists independently of any action of the individual.

And how to identify it

22  **Characterization**

Active Creation of Identity

Explanations of behavior that You and Others give to make that behavior intelligible

23  **Extended Consciousness**

" . . . Every one finds that, whilst comprehended under consciousness, the little finger is as much a part of himself as what is most so. Upon separation of this little finger, should this consciousness go along with the little finger, and leave the rest of the body, it is evident the little finger would be the person, the same person . . ."

*Locke, pp 73*

24  **Extended Consciousness**

Personal Identity is that which an individual *appropriates* as her own by extending her consciousness

Body, Memories, Characteristics, Relationships

- 25  **Extended Consciousness**  
Social Restraints

These appropriations must be *intelligible* to others

- 26  **Extended Consciousness**  
Devoted Sister

Self-Conception

vs


Actions

- 27  **The Importance of Personal Identity**  
Psychological Criterion

Person at  $t_1$  did  $x$

Person at  $t_2$  is Person at  $t_1$

Therefore, Person at  $t_2$  did  $x$

- 28  **The Importance of Personal Identity**  
Extended Consciousness

Person at  $t_2$  appropriates action at  $t_1$

Others accept appropriation of action at  $t_1$

Therefore, Person at  $t_2$  did action at  $t_1$