

THERE IS STILL HOPE FOR DOXASTIC MOTIVATIONAL INTERNALISM

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According to moral motivational internalism, judgements about how we should act have a necessary connection to motivation. Is there a similar connection between judgements about how we should believe and our beliefs? In a recent paper, Cameron Boulton and Sebastian Köhler argue that the answer is most likely 'no' if the question concerns a relation of *strict* motivation between normative judgements and *belief*. They call the view which posits such a relation 'doxastic motivational internalism' (DMI). In this paper, I argue that such scepticism about DMI is premature, as it overlooks a plausible theoretical alternative available to the DMI proponent. This alternative not only gives hope for DMI, but also makes the conceptual terrain considerably more nuanced than the current literature anticipates.

Reference: Boulton, C, & Köhler, S. (2020). Epistemic judgement and motivation. *Philosophical Quarterly*, doi: 10.1093/pq/pqaa007.