

The Lottery Puzzle, Epistemic Safety and the Value of Knowledge

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Abstract

In this paper, I will critically examine the competing theories of safety and sensitivity by comparing their solutions respectively to the lottery puzzle. In the first part, the safety theory, the sensitivity theory, and the lottery puzzle will be briefly introduced. Then some seeming advantage of the sensitivity theory over the one of the safety theory is presented. In the second part, I provide a tentative defense of the safety theory with a new setting-up of the epistemically possible worlds. The tentative account is evaluated with a further lottery case, which in turn sheds some lights upon how to understand the value of knowledge.