
How Much Aristotle Is in Levine and Boaks’s Leadership Theory?: Response to Schäfer and Hühn

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ABSTRACT

While accepting and welcoming our main thesis and project, Schäfer and Hühn’s Commentary on our paper focuses on two main criticisms, both of which seem to us mistaken. The first of these is that our paper falsely argues “that the existing definitions of leadership out there fall short in describing the role of ethics in leadership.” The second seems to be a belief that (i) we claim to be offering an entirely new definition of leadership and misrepresenting its nature because (ii) in the view of Schäfer and Hühn this supposedly new definition “is essentially un-Aristotelian.”

1. On the existing definitions in the literature

IT IS NOT true that we wish to “replace the extant and, in [our] opinion misleading, definitions of leadership” (Schäfer and Hühn 2016:

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