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Digitalization and the Crisis of Democracy: A Look at the Philosophy of Byung Chul Han

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Quiz Questions, Student Answers, and Correct Answers

Question 1 of 10

Multiple Choice Question

Who is the author of the book 'The Burnout Society'?

Available Options:

(A) Karl Marx

(B) Friedrich Nietzsche

(C) Byung Chul Han ← STUDENT SELECTED ← CORRECT ANSWER

(D) Michel Foucault

Student's Answer: Option C: Byung Chul Han

Correct Answer: Option C: Byung Chul Han

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Text Answer Question

What is the main subject of Byung Chul Han's philosophy?

Student's Answer:

The main subject of Byung-Chul Han's philosophy is a critique of late-capitalist society and its psychological effects on the individual. Specifically, he examines how 21st-century neoliberal culture has shifted from external coercion (being forced by bosses, laws, or institutions) to internalized self-exploitation. His work revolves around several core themes:

Correct Answer:

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Text Answer Question

According to Byung Chul Han, what is the main cause of the crisis of democracy?

Student's Answer:

According to Byung-Chul Han—most directly detailed in his work *Infocracy: Digitization and the Crisis of Democracy*—the main cause of the crisis of democracy is the shift from traditional industrial capitalism to a digital "information regime" (or infocracy) driven by hyper-digitization and information overload. Han argues that democracy requires slow, deliberate, and rational discourse (communicative action), but digital technology destroys the conditions necessary for that discourse in several key ways:

Correct Answer:

Excessive individualism and self-exploitation

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Multiple Choice Question

What is the main critique of Byung Chul Han towards modern technology?

Available Options:

- (A) It encourages critical thinking
- (B) It promotes meaningful connections

(C) It leads to a loss of privacy ← STUDENT SELECTED ← CORRECT ANSWER

- (D) It facilitates political engagement

Student's Answer: Option C: It leads to a loss of privacy

Correct Answer: Option C: It leads to a loss of privacy

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Multiple Choice Question

What is the main concept that Byung Chul Han uses to describe the current society?

Available Options:

- (A) Information society
- (B) Surveillance society

(C) Burnout society ← STUDENT SELECTED ← CORRECT ANSWER

- (D) Consumer society

Student's Answer: Option C: Burnout society

Correct Answer: Option C: Burnout society

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Multiple Choice Question

What is the main impact of digitalization on the individual, according to Byung Chul Han?

Available Options:

- (A) Increased freedom
- (B) Greater control over one's life

(C) Increased sense of isolation ← STUDENT SELECTED ← CORRECT ANSWER

- (D) Better mental health

Student's Answer: Option C: Increased sense of isolation

Correct Answer: Option C: Increased sense of isolation

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Text Answer Question

How does Byung Chul Han define the concept of 'power' in his philosophy?

Student's Answer:

In his treatise What is Power? (Was ist Macht?), Byung-Chul Han defines power not as external coercion or naked violence, but as a flexible, highly mediated relation that shapes behavior from within.

Correct Answer:

The ability to control and manipulate others without their knowledge

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Multiple Choice Question

What is the main solution proposed by Byung Chul Han to combat the crisis of democracy?

Available Options:

(A) Limiting technology use ← STUDENT SELECTED

(B) Empowering the individual ← CORRECT ANSWER

- (C) Increasing government control
- (D) Returning to traditional values

Student's Answer: Option A: Limiting technology use

Correct Answer: Option B: Empowering the individual

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Text Answer Question

What does Byung Chul Han mean by 'cognitive capitalism'?

Student's Answer:

For Byung-Chul Han, cognitive capitalism (often closely linked with his concept of psychopolitics and immaterial production) describes a phase of neoliberalism where the primary site of capitalist exploitation has shifted from physical labor to the human mind, psyche, and emotional life. Rather than extracting value primarily from manual labor or physical factory production, cognitive capitalism turns human consciousness, attention, and mental capacities into direct sources of economic value. Key Dimensions of Cog.

Correct Answer:

A form of capitalism that relies on the exploitation of the individual's cognitive abilities

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Multiple Choice Question

What is the main criticism towards Byung Chul Han's philosophy?

Available Options:

(A) It lacks practical solutions ← **STUDENT SELECTED**

(B) It is too pessimistic ← **CORRECT ANSWER**

(C) It is too focused on technology

(D) It ignores cultural differences

Student's Answer: Option A: It lacks practical solutions

Correct Answer: Option B: It is too pessimistic

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