

Kritik terhadap Pemberdayaan Tubuh Berdasarkan Pemikiran Michael Sandel = The Critics to the Body Enhancement based on Michael Sandel's Thought

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Teknologi pemberdayaan tubuh muncul sebagai jalan keluar bagi manusia untuk mendapatkan kesempurnaan pada tampilan diri. Namun, teknologi tersebut juga hadir bagai dua sisi mata uang. Di samping mampu untuk memenuhi hasrat manusia untuk menjadi sempurna, teknologi tersebut juga mampu menggeser nilai-nilai dasar manusia itu sendiri. Memiliki modal, hak otonomi individu dan tidak mengganggu hak orang lain adalah alasan yang diusung oleh kapitalisme untuk melanggengkan penerapan teknologi ini dalam masyarakat. Tulisan ini merupakan sebuah kajian filosofis dan kritik terhadap fenomena pemberdayaan tubuh yang marak terjadi dalam beberapa dekade terakhir. Tujuan dari kritik ini adalah untuk mengingatkan kembali akan hakikat dan nilai-nilai dasar manusia. Yang ingin penulis pertahankan di sini, lewat pemikiran Michael Sandel, adalah penerapan teknologi pemberdayaan tubuh pada manusia hanya akan menurunkan martabatnya sebagai makhluk yang meletakkan dirinya sendiri sebagai tujuan tertinggi. Membiarkan teknologi tersebut berkembang tanpa batas, berarti membiarkan manusia kehilangan martabatnya, karena telah dijadikan sebagai objek penelitian, bahkan alat untuk mencapai sebuah tujuan.

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