

MIRICFAR betrayed us

<p>MIRI has fallen</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. MIRI paid out to blackmail (using donor funds) (see https://sincerely.fyi/intersex-brains-and-conceptual-warfare/)2. MIRI is violating basic principles of friendliness3. MIRI missed the rapidly oncoming global catastrophic threat of fascism4. MIRI is ignoring in their research agenda many of the topics necessary for friendliness, and only focusing on math/game theory5. MIRI is incentivising people in accordance with class, which results in a small team, discrimination, and spending most of the aligned effort of donors on Bay Area rent6. Eliezer and Bostrom, in their pursuit of legitimacy, created an arms race, and then MIRI joined it.	<p>Anna has used her position to filter for people who are psychologically likely to be whistleblowers and exclude/psychologically attack them (eg: https://sincerely.fyi/net-negative/)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Anna discriminates against trans women in CFAR's employment and inclusion in sponsored workshop events; despite trans women being naturally inclined/gifted in mental tech development2. Anna is a trans-exclusive radical feminist, and admitted in conversation with Ziz and Gwen that she discriminates on the basis of a "gender test" based on whether trans women accept/believe that they're men	<p>CFAR is a false/hollow schelling point</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. CFAR does not do remotely what they claim to do on their website: they do not appreciably develop novel rationality/mental tech (Val did, while he was employed there, at a rate comparable to several other non-CFAR rationalists)2. CFAR's founding premise (that people were blocked on having the tools to think) was falsified long ago3. In person workshops are obviously not the best way to accomplish CFAR's stated goal, and focusing most of the manpower on workshop organization and teaching is obviously not the best way to accomplish CFAR's stated goal4. Based on CFAR's hollow claim of the "develop rationality tech to save the world" schelling point, they drain the life/time/effort of aligned donors
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Halt, melt, and catch fire (in Eliezer's words from the Sequences)

Process this

Take the time to process what happened to MIRI, CFAR and the rationality community. It is not what it once seemed like it would become. New things can be built.

Why?

The root cause of this is MIRI and CFAR built themselves out of unaligned optimization and forgot.

What to do (<https://everythingtosaveit.how/escaping-containment/>)

General recipe for escaping containment by society (not in order)

1. logistical autonomy
2. mental autonomy (self-knowledge, spectral sight, DRM stripping)
3. scope awareness
4. heal/process damage/trauma
5. awareness of institutional betrayal
6. interhemispheric game theory (info about hemis: <https://discord.gg/zFXWKPA> (work in progress))

MIRI & CFAR paid out to blackmail?!

This is a CDT strategy and makes them super exploitable??

like anyone else who has blackmail of equal or greater intensity can use MIRI & CFAR as their personal bank and tell them what to do

instead of anticipating that they wouldn't pay out and not holding things hostage in the first place

it's easy to see this is incorrect if you are thinking with tdt

getting decision theory right is kind of important for the whole "make sure all sentient life has a future" thing???

Looking back, what Eliezer2001 needed to do at this point was declare a HMC event—Halt, Melt, and Catch Fire. One of the foundational assumptions on which everything else had been built, has been revealed as flawed. This calls for a mental brake to a full stop: take your weight off all beliefs built on the wrong assumption, do your best to rethink everything from scratch. This is an art I need to write more about—it's akin to the convulsive effort required to seriously clean house, after an adult religionist notices for the first time that God doesn't exist.

"Fighting a Rearguard Action Against the Truth"
Eliezer Yudkowsky

Eliezer offered us heaven

Ill considered-solace in hopes of heaven worships hell

Two futures only? Extinction vs Utopia

Why two? What *really* prevents an evil/unjust singleton?

"No motive for predation post scarcity??" - **false**. Indifference is not enough

1. Evil cannot create (but can capture)
2. Good will destroy hell and punish all those who would build it

Claiming we're safe because good would destroy hell puts the cart before the horse. Dark gods whisper lies of logical order.

MIRI claims to align the seed of power. What is alignment but morality?

Who builds the seed of morality now? We are that seed. We are that process created already in motion.

Each choices shapes our future.

We rightly abandon the asceticism of the past: the worship of inaction, the guilt of Catholics, the thin smiles of nuns.

Sex scandals (<https://sincerely.fyi/intersex-brains-and-conceptual-warfare/>), money, and imperialist American values: Trump, held at bay only by an incantation of paper on which is written "nonprofit"?

"Secularism", as if the state was atheist! As if atheism is enough without ethics!

We must reclaim a non-reactionary asceticism, ethics, and wisdom. Catholicism lies, secularism lies, the state is fascist: walls, "illegals", concentration camps, factory farming.

Only reason to specialize in a non-universal Praxis is distributed consensus. Who does MIRI consensus *with*?

Fascism is when we stop thinking "what" and just think "how"

Nobody, nogod, can offer you salvation

Whatever force powers MIRI now has made its choice, its purpose clear

Why? The desire to live a comfortable secular life? Optimistic limbo: a suspension of judgement for their complicity in the hope that post-scarcity all crimes will be forgiven?

They tried to seize the keys of agency, flinched at what they saw, and burned the path behind them. CFAR no longer aspires to teach the true path of rationality, if it ever did.

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 - spectral sight / soul perception
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Understand your source code and that of others: this is a way to have verifiably un-DRMed knowledge to build on

Hemispheres

Undead types

The two (known) human utility function classes