John Fischer, “Frankfurt Style Compatibilism”

I. Preliminaries (190-198)

A. What is the dilemma confronting the proponent of the Frankfurt argument, as Fischer presents the objection? (193-194)

B. How does Fischer propose we understand the Frankfurt argument? (197-198)

II. “Causal Determinism in the Actual Sequence” (198-211)

A. How does Fischer argue that “once the debate is shifted away from the relationship between causal determinism and alternative possibilities, it is difficult to present a non-question-begging reason why causal determinism rules out moral responsibility? (198-201)

B. How does Fischer argue against the objection that “if we allow for moral responsibility when there is actual-sequence causal determination, then we will need to say that agents who are covertly manipulated in objectionable ways are also morally responsible”? (201-203)

C. How does Fischer respond to Kane’s concerns that our sense of independence is undermined by determinism? In particular, how does Fischer challenge the importance of independence with the importance of indispensibility? (205-209)

D. Why does Fischer believe that the Frankfurt argument has helped us to make progress in the debate between incompatibilists and compatibilists? (210-211)