Many philosophers and psychologists argue that our everyday ability to predict and explain the actions and mental states of others is grounded in our possession of a primitive 'folk' psychological theory. Recently however, this theory has come under challenge from the simulation alternative. This alternative view says that human beings are able to predict and explain each other's actions by using the resources of their own minds to simulate the psychological aetiology of the actions of the others.

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