Propositions

attached to this thesis

Measuring Worker Well-being

An evaluation of closed and open-ended survey questions

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- 1. Every survey delivered to workers should contain a module aimed at measuring worker wellbeing. (this dissertation)
- 2. To capture worker well-being rigorously, one needs to measure multiple, but not too many constructs. (this dissertation)
- 3. Open-ended survey questions should be regarded as complements rather than substitutes to closed survey questions. (this dissertation)
- 4. Computer-aided sentiment analysis can safely be used to quantify textual responses to wellbeing-related open-ended questions. (this dissertation)
- 5. Managerial support is indispensable to the success of top-down as well as bottom-up worker well-being initiatives. (this dissertation)
- 6. There are more roads to happiness than there are ways to Rome.
- 7. The triangulation of measures is required to attain a complete and contextual portrayal of units under study.
- 8. The fact that social scientists cannot measure as precisely as natural scientists doesn't necessarily mean that their conclusions are of less societal relevance.
- 9. The performance of scientists cannot be fully captured by bibliographic metrics, such as impact factor. Appraising their impact on students, colleagues, practitioners and the society as a whole, however intricate it may be, is indispensable.
- 10. Multi-disciplinary research collaborations are laborious to set up and maintain, but offer invaluable opportunities for scientific advancement.
- 11. The good life is a process, not a state of being. It is a direction and not a destination.