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Why the negation problem is not a problem for expressivism. (English summary)

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The negation problem states that expressivism (the approach which claims that the meaning of a term is tied to the attitude of the speaker) has insufficient structure to account for even the simplest case of negated normative judgments involving the permissible, the required, and the forbidden.

In this paper the authors argue forcefully that the negation problem arises from an interaction between expressivism and the types of normative examples on which it has usually been focused. They show convincingly that the negation problem disappears once its hidden quantificational structure is uncovered.

The paper has the following sections: Introduction; (1) Two problems for negation; (2) The “negation problem” without expressivism; (3) The quantificational account; (4) Expressivism without the negation problem; (5) The hidden-quantification view vs. Schroeder’s *being-for* view; Conclusion.

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