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Title: Creativity and Responsibility: Can they Co-exist?

Abstract:

Human creativity entails a commitment to allow thoughts to flow frequently, to follow them wherever they go, and to try out activities whenever possible. Responsible individuals and institutions are characterized, in part, by the actions that they elect not to pursue. Is it possible to have a society in which both creativity and responsibility can flourish? Over a decade ago, psychologists Howard Gardner, Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, and William Damon posed this question. In pursuit of an answer, they and colleagues conducted indepth interviews of over 1,200 leading figures in nine different professions, including business. In his presentation Gardner will report what has been learned to this point in the GoodWork project.