
**Term:** Maxim of Pragmatism  
**Quote:** Pragmatism [was considered] as the maxim that the entire meaning and significance of any conception lies in its *conceivable* practical bearings, - not certainly altogether in consequences that would influence our conduct so far as we can foresee our future circumstances but which in *conceivable* circumstances would go to determine how we should deliberately act, and how we should act in a practical way and not merely how we should act as affirming or denying the conception to be cleared up.  
**References:** EP 2:145; MS [R] 305:1  
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