MACHINE-BODY FRAMEWORKS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR SPORT CONSCIOUSNESS AND ATHLETE HEALTH
Postmodernism

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To soccer fans around the world, they know Megan Rapinoe as a goal-scoring machine and star co-captain for the U.S. Women’s National Team. To many others, they know her as an outspoken woman currently feuding with United States President Donald Trump and saying she is “not going to the f—ing White House” if her team wins the FIFA Women’s World Cup. However, what the 34-year-old wants you to know is that, above all, she is “extremely American.”
"By likening athletes to machines and the results of the athletic endeavor to productivity, we seek to attain immortality. But in doing so, we depersonalize the athlete, both male and female."

(Segrave, 1997)
$73.5 BILION

AS PROJECTED BY FORBES (2015)
"...a project in human engineering whose objective is producing levels of performance with seemingly little understanding of what the consequences may be for personal and social development of the athlete."

(Sage, 1990)
PREVALENCE RATES FOR EATING DISORDERS AMONG FEMALE ATHLETES MAY BE AS HIGH AS 62%
Knowledge about disordered eating among athletes

Conrad, 2018

Clinical
- Risk of injury and long-term health consequences
- Mental health issue
- Negatively impacts athletic performance

Local
- Aids in performance
- Normal athlete behavior
- Reward > Risk
Norms about disordered eating among athletes

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Disordered Eating

Clinical Deviant

Local Normative

Treatement Seeking

Clinical Normative

Local Deviant