

## **The Pragmatism of Ramsey and Ryle**

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**Abstract** Gilbert Ryle's dispositional account of knowledge and anti-intellectualism are often taken to be in the spirit of the later Wittgenstein, who was coming to similar ideas in the 1940s. This paper traces Ryle's position to Frank Ramsey in the late 1920s and, along the way, suggests that Wittgenstein's ideas had the same root. Ryle's argument that knowledge is best seen not as knowledge that *p*, but as knowledge of how to do things, and is assessed as such is a kind of pragmatism.