It is claimed that the most felicitous avenue to assess the accuracy of an idea is the quality of it convincing people holding contrary ideas because you cannot recognise the appropriateness of an idea unless you defend it against comments of its opponents. Both the claim and the reason seems to be rational.

 Should an idea be able to convince its antagonists, its accuracy may be proven. Having been exposed to opposition, an idea reveals its own flaws, for people opposing a viewpoint always try to unveil its weaknesses in order to prove that they are right. According to this, if no one can oppose a point of view, it means that idea have not had any flaws, or has had weaknesses which may be negligible, conveying its appropriateness. Even if your viewpoint contains some negative features, you can easily find them out inasmuch as people lambasting your idea would magnify its defects. Thus, you realise the errors you have made and would try to mitigate, or better, eliminate them. Therefore, it would be true to claim that the best way to realise the accuracy of a viewpoint is to make it undergo opposition.

 Only by defending your idea can you prove it accurate. When someone tries to endorse their idea, they try to make it seem valuable by stressing its attributes. For instance, if you want to receive a loan to start a new business, you must convince the bank that your business leads to socioeconomic advantages for you and the bank, and by emphasising on those positive features you may have the opportunity to obtain the required financial budget. Moreover, you should convince your opponents that the flaws of your point of view are meagre, or they can be easily neglected insofar as your opponents try to defeat you by utilising your idea’s defects against you. This would help you amend your mistakes and lessen the flaws of your idea, so it improves, and the opponents may be convinced. Not only would this improve your idea, but it also makes it seem adjustable, which is a positive feature since your opponents understand you are not a dogmatically stubborn person. This would subconsciously influence them to decline their oppositions in the light of the fact that the more intransigent you are, the more opposition you would face. That is because people do not prefer to agree to stubbornly-made comments even if they are rational.

To recapitulate, the best way one can judge the correctness of their ideas is sharing them with people who criticise them, for you may not be able to recognise its accuracy unless you bolster it against the ones lambasting your point of view.

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