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Discuss the interpretive approach to the study of comparative politics.

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Social action is to be understood through the subjective meaning actors attach to it, not only through external regularities.

Geertz, thick description

Culture is a web of significance; the analyst reads public symbols in context rather than scoring isolated attitudes.

Behavioural revolution

Mid-twentieth-century comparative politics privileged surveys and general laws; interpretivism returned meaning and history to the centre.

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