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Q4(a)

Examine Max Weber's method of maintaining objectivity in social research.

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Value-freedom

Weber's rule that demonstration should not substitute evaluation for evidence.

Ideal type

A constructed accentuation used to measure historical cases.

Verstehen

Interpretative understanding of intended meaning in social action.

Adequacy of meaning

Weber: an explanation must make sense at the level of motive as well as of sequence.

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