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Q1(b)

How does a researcher achieve objectivity in interpretative research?

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Weber

Value-relevance selects the question; demonstration must still follow evidence and ideal-typical clarity.

Harding

Strong objectivity: making standpoint explicit can yield more, not less, disciplined knowledge.

Geertz

Thick description locates meaning in public symbols that other readers can contest.

Oakley

Showed that the interview is a social relation; pretending otherwise hides the researcher's power.

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