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Q2(a)

What is positivism? Critically analyze the major arguments against it

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Sociology as Science: Science, scientific method and critique; Major theoretical strands of research methodology; Positivism and its critique; Fact value and objectivity; Non-positivist methodologies.

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Durkheim's rule

Explain social facts by other social facts, using comparison and rates, as in Suicide.

Double hermeneutic

Giddens's phrase for sociology's two-way interpretation of an already interpreted social world.

Standpoint critique

Feminist argument that supposedly value-free observation often encodes dominant social positions.

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