

Theory and Methods

Matching Exercise

Match the terms below with the most appropriate description.

	Observable data collected in the physical or social world
	A set of values, ideas, beliefs and assumptions providing a model or framework within which scientists operate, and providing guidelines for the conduct of research
	Phenomena which exist outside individuals and independently of their minds, but which act upon them in ways which constrain or mould their behaviour
	An approach emphasizing that to understand society it is necessary to understand the meanings people give to their behaviour
	The idea that what we take to be reality is actually a creation of the mass media of electronic communication
	Basic needs that must be met if society is to survive
	Approaching topics with an open mind, avoiding bias, and being prepared to submit research evidence to scrutiny by other researchers
	People's behaviour being moulded by external factors, leaving them with little free will, control or choice over how they behave
	A part of the social structure which does not contribute to the maintenance and well-being of society, but creates tensions and other problems
	The view that the logic, methods and procedures of the natural sciences can be applied to the study of society
	People's capacity to work
	The idea of understanding human behaviour by putting yourself in the position of those being studied, and trying to see things from their point of view
	In neo-Marxist theory, the idea that the superstructure of society has some independence from the economy
	The unrecognized or unintended outcome of the action of an individual or institution
	The way the knowledge people gain about society can affect the way they behave in it, as people and institutions reflect on what they do and how they do it

determinism

dysfunction

empirical evidence

functional prerequisites

hyperreality

interpretivism

labour power

latent function

objectivity

paradigm

positivism

reflexivity

relative autonomy

social facts

verstehen