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Worksheet 3.2: The Use of Secondary Data

Complete the following table, giving brief explanations for your answers. Make a careful note of any difficulties you encouter and be prepared to explain what those difficulties are. For examle, answering questions about documents may require more information about what those documents actually contain.

SECONDARY SOURCE	**Mainly QUANTITATIVE, QUALITITATIVE or BOTH?**	**Example of QUANTITATIVE DATA that might be obtained**	**Example of QUALITATIVE DATA that might be obtained**	**Whether the source is more likely to be used by INTERPRETIVISTS or POSITIVISTS and WHY**
Census				
Official Statistics				
Daily and Sunday newspapers				
Published sociological studies				

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Government reports				
TV drama				
Diaries and letters				
Autobiographies				
TV news programmes and documentaries				
Historical documents				