

Chapter 3 Theories and Methods

Topic 4 Objectivity and Values in Sociology

Answers to QuickCheck Questions on page 201

1. The stage of data gathering.
2. True.
3. That they had stopped challenging authority and become like hired hands, taking no moral responsibility for their work.
4. To redress the balance – unlike the views of the powerful, those of the underdog are seldom heard.
5. Lack of bias or preconceptions. Not allowing one's personal views and values to affect the collection or interpretation of data.
6. Because science and its research methods have high status in academic circles and in wider society.