

# The Social Science Jargon Buster: The Key Terms You Need to Know

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| Agency               | Governance      | Post-Positivist  |
| Alienation           | Grounded theory | Power            |
| Anomie               | Hegemony        | Pragmatism       |
| a posteriori         | Hermeneutics    | Praxis           |
| Authority            | Historical      | Prejudice        |
| Behaviorism          | Materialism     | Discrimination   |
| The Body             | Historicism     | Protestant ethic |
| Bureaucracy          | Human           | Qualitative      |
| Capital              | Humanism        | Quantitative     |
| Capitalism           | Hybridity       | Nationalism      |
| Causation            | Hypothecsis     | Realism          |
| Chaos theory         | Id              | Reductionism     |
| Class                | Idealism        | Reflexivity      |
| Cognitive dissonance | Identity        | Reification      |
| Collective           | Ideology        | Relativism       |
| Colonization         | Imperialism     | Research         |

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| Deconstruction    | Liberalism       | Sexuality       |
| Deductive         | Marginalization  | Social Change   |
| Democracy         | Marxism          | Social          |
| Determinism       | Materialism      | Constructionism |
| Developed         | McDonalidization | Stratification  |
| Developing        |                  |                 |
| Deviant behaviour |                  |                 |
| Dialectic         |                  |                 |
| Dichotomy         |                  |                 |
| Discourse         |                  |                 |
| Egalitarianism    | Globalization    | Validity        |
| Empiricism        | Nationalism      | State           |
| Epistemology      | Secularism       | Structuralism   |
| Essentialism      | Norms            | Post-structural |
| Ethics            | Ontology         | Subject         |
| Ethnocentrism     |                  | Subjectivism    |
| Ethnograph.       |                  | Symbolic        |
| Ethnometh.        |                  | Interactionism  |
| Existential       |                  | Systems theory  |
| Foucault          |                  | Technology      |
| Feminism          |                  | Teleology       |
| Functionalism     |                  | Theory          |
| Fundamentalism    | Pluralism        | Totalitarianism |

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