

AOK: HUMAN SCIENCES

Significant concepts

What are the potential knowledge issues?

What are the potential knowledge claims?

- * To what extent can we know the minds of others?
- * Can we trust our systems for studying human behavior?
- * To what extent can we determine the causes of human behavior accurately?

Perspectives

What is the knower's perspective? What other perspectives do we need evaluate? What methods of gaining knowledge?

- * Awareness that our knowledge communities, our own limitations, and our methods may limit our understanding
- * Understanding various approaches to critical analysis of human behavioral findings

Ethnocentrism

See page 172 in
the Oxford text
book



Links to Other AOK/ WOK

- * Math- to what extent can we measure human behavior and understanding?
- * Ethics – How do ethical factors limit experiments in the human sciences?
- * Perception – To what extent does observing human beings affect their behavior?
- * Can we be certain about our claims of knowledge?

Statistics



From *Theory of Knowledge, Course Companion*. Oxford Press, page 180

At the conclusion of the unit you will be able to...

- *How progress has been made in our understanding of human behavior
- *How to compare and contrast human behavior disciplines
- *Generate questions regarding the validity of research methods
- *How to use various perspectives to analyze knowledge issues in the human sciences