

# Solutions for Basics of Social Research 4th Edition by Neuman

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# Solutions

## CHAPTER 2: THEORY AND SOCIAL RESEARCH

### MAIN TOPICS OF CHAPTER

1. What Is Theory?
2. Levels of Theory
3. Empirical Generalizations and Middle Range Theory
4. The Parts of Theory
5. Two Major Paradigms
6. Major Theoretical Frameworks
7. Direction of Theorizing
8. Explaining Relationships in Social Research

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF CHAPTER

**After completing this chapter a student should be able to:**

1. Explain the three characteristics of how social scientific theories work.
2. Explain what is meant by the term social theory.
3. Explain what is meant by levels of theory.
4. Define empirical generalization and middle-range theory.
5. Explain what is meant by a concept.
6. Define agency and structure.
7. Explain what is meant by ontology and epistemology as they apply to the approach a researcher takes to social research.
8. Compare the positivist and interpretivist paradigms.
9. Differentiate between inductive and deductive approaches to theory.
10. Define causality and its three criteria.

The test bank for Chapter 2 has

10 Essay Questions

31 Multiple Choice Questions

29 Key Terms Vocabulary Questions

### Essay Questions Chapter 2

| Question | Chapter Topic of Question | Chapter Objective Tested | General Skill Application |
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**Multiple Choice Questions, Chapter 2**

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