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### **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
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#### **Essay Questions Chapter 2**

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# **Multiple Choice Questions, Chapter 2**

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