

1. How do ideologies and social theory differ? How are they similar? Why is it difficult for social theory to confront ideological statements?

Social theory are supposed to be tested, revised, or dismissed, whereas ideologies are taken to be illegitimate way to evaluate truth claims or build knowledge. Ideologies and social theory are both collections of related ideas about how society works.

2. What are some ways an ideologist might explain an influx of crime in an area? How would a social theorist use data to examine the same issue?