

AXIOLOGY : PLACE OF

DESCRIPTIVE & NORMATIVE

Value theory, which used to be a chapter of philosophy, is nowadays being attacked by anthropologists, social psychologists, economists, and political theorists as well. The reason is plain: all humans evaluate, and they often act in the light of value judgments, whence social scientists cannot avoid the study of values. However, social scientists usually study valuation in a descriptive fashion. Only occasionally do they venture to do a bit of normative axiology, i.e. to hypothesize which values ought to be held by which social groups - (the for their own good.

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