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Philosophy 2201: Epistemology

Quiz #10

TIME: 10 minutes

March 20, 2024

*At the start of class, **one** of the following questions will be selected at random for students to answer.*

[For this quiz you should read Martin Chapter 9, and iweb text #32 by Linda Alcoff]

1. State the difference between *normative* and *descriptive* epistemology, using Martin's example of the Quinean epistemologist Dr. Szorpe.

2. Thomas Kuhn claims that scientific thinking is regulated by paradigms. Summarise the reasoning, as described by Martin, that leads from Kuhn's view of paradigms to the claim that knowledge is a social construct: "…there is no such thing as objective truth. It all depends on what group you belong to."

3. Alcoff states that, "feminist philosophy continues to be regularly derided in the profession as inappropriately political in setting its philosophical goals". How does Alcoff defend feminist epistemology against this criticism?

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