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Reichenbach's contexts discovery/justification: basic, retain

Some appropriate overlap. Example: Latent learning bias in labs

Why false protocol is worst scientific sin

Social influences (e.g. Bethesda fads)

Indirect costs, phony, Universities depend on

Cost of apparatus vs questionnaires, large vs small samples

"Clinical experience" vs hard data

Truth as meta-predicate

Truth-phobia in social science students

Instrumentalism/realism

Skinner on theoretical constructs

Linkage maps and chromosomes (Morgan & Co.); holes in giant chromosome

Theories of truth (correspondence, coherence, pragmatic);

Tarski: Semantic conception.

Quine corners.

Carnap vs Kaufman: 'True' a legitimate predicate

Verisimilitude (brief introduction)