

Positronality



The "God-Trick"

Visualizations of data often represent themselves not as arguments but as self-evident facts

"The god-trick of seeing everything from nowhere"

Donna Haraway

We each exist in a specific (social, political, historical, societal, etc. etc.) context

Any knowledge we each might produce is marked by our specific (etc. etc.) context

This is Haraway's notion of *situated knowledges*

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Related to situated knowledge:

Everyone's point of view is inherently limited

Any one person represents a *partial perspective* of reality

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The way to approach an "objective" understanding of reality is to recognize the situated nature of knowledge and gather together multiple partial perspectives

(Haraway calls this *Feminist Objectivity*)

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Built on Haraway's concept of Feminist Objectivity
by incorporating *Standpoint Theory*:

That society privileges knowledge from certain
intersections of social categories, and marginalizes
others

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An inclusive model of "objectivity" should take this into account, and should center knowledge produced those who have been previously excluded
(Harding calls this *Strong Objectivity*)

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