

Workshop C

Workshop C's conclusions were

1. Discrimination is a form of differential treatment that has been declared unlawful. There are many forms of differential treatment that are lawful. The causes of both lawful and unlawful treatment are very similar. Social science research should investigate the causes of differential treatment, irrespective of whether the treatment in question is lawful or unlawful.
2. Assigned Workshop C recognised different views among its members about the kinds of explanations of differential treatment that were to be sought. Some wished to prioritise the search for proximate causes, while others considered the search for ultimate causes of equal priority. The members were not agreed about the relevance of values to the selection of problems for research or to the presentation of research findings.
3. Some members of Workshop C consider that the present priority is to undertake research into the human costs that result from differential treatment and into the most effective ways of reducing it. They believe that if an appropriate approach is adopted, theoretical issues should appear.