

# The Americanization of Social Science

## THE AMERICANIZATION OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

INTELLECTUALS AND PUBLIC RESPONSIBILITY  
IN THE POSTWAR UNITED STATES



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A highly readable introduction to and overview of the postwar social sciences in the United States, *The Americanization of Social Science* explores a critical period in the evolution of American sociology's professional identity from the late 1940s through the early 1960s. David Paul Haney contends that during this time leading sociologists encouraged a professional secession from public engagement in the name of establishing the discipline's scientific integrity.</P>

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According to Haney, influential practitioners encouraged a willful withdrawal from public sociology by separating their professional work from public life. He argues that this separation diminished sociologists' capacity for conveying their findings to wider publics, especially given their ambivalence towards the mass media, as witnessed by the professional estrangement that scholars like David Riesman and C. Wright Mills experienced as their writing found receptive lay audiences. He argues further that this sense of professional insularity has inhibited sociology's participation in the national discussion about social issues to the present day.</P></DIV>

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考察战后初期美国社会学的科学认同如何导致其偏离更广泛公共领域和公共责任，仅为政企客户提供专业意见服务，并专注于结构功能理论发展和、方法/技术建构。至60年代科学主义共识瓦解，公共社会学的呼声也逐渐兴起，直至21世纪初。【社会科学职业

化与科学化、社会工程化之间的关联性】标题里的“美国化”概念没作讨论。

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