Do Unto Others…? Self- vs. Other-Attentive Resistance in Milgram’s “Obedience” Experiments

SPQ Snaps

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Discussion Guide:

1. What did social psychologist Stanley Milgram claim to find in his original experiments on “obedience to authority”?
2. Why are the authors dissatisfied with Milgram’s claim?
3. What is the “crucial theoretical question” that the authors raise about interpreting Milgram’s results?
4. What does the Conversation Analysis approach to studying Milgram allow the authors to do?
5. What is the paper’s purpose?
6. What do the authors mean by “self-attentive” and “other-attentive” resistance?
7. Why do the authors think that distinguishing between “compositional” and “positional” other-attentiveness is important?
8. What are “Golden Rule accounts”? What is “Letting the Learner decide”?