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Raymond Morrow's book traces the history and outlines the major tenets of critical theory for an undergraduate audience. He exemplifies the theory through an analysis of two leading social theorists: Jurgen Habermas and Anthony Giddens. Specific to this volume is the emphasis on the link between critical theory and empirical research and social science methodology, often thought to be incompatible.
