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FIGURE 8.14

Responsibility Ratings in Milgram's Studies on Obedience to Authority

When asked, "Who was responsible for shocking the confederate?" obedient participants were less apt to hold themselves accountable for their actions than were disobedient ones, but they were not more apt to blame the experimenter. Instead, obedient participants blamed the victim. These findings undercut Milgram's claim that obedient participants believed they were merely following orders.

Source: Milgram (1974).