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Is race a valid and biologically meaningful concept?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Anthropology GS 1 · 10 marks · The Nature of Culture

2.1 The Nature of Culture: The concept and Characteristics of culture and civilization; Ethnocentrism vis-a-vis cultural Relativism.

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Boas

Immigrant head-form studies undermined fixed racial cranial types.

Lewontin

Argued that the larger share of genetic diversity is within populations.

Clines

Gradual geographic change in trait frequency, as in skin pigmentation.

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American Anthropological Association statement treats race as a social, not a scientific, partition of humankind.

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