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Q4(b)

Discuss the historical and cultural contexts that led to superseding ethnocentrism with cultural relativism in anthropology

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Anthropology GS 1 · 15 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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Boas

Historical particularism and fieldwork against unilinear ranking of peoples.

Herskovits

Stated cultural relativism as a professional principle of American anthropology.

Benedict

Patterns of Culture compared Pueblo, Dobu, and Kwakiutl without a civilisational score.

UNESCO

Post-war statements on race drew on Boasian critique of biological hierarchy.

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