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Q2(b)

Karl Popper presents a defence of the open society against its enemies. Elaborate

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · PSIR GS 1 · 15 marks · Political Theory

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The Open Society and Its Enemies

Popper's wartime book (published 1945) opposes closed, historicist politics to a criticisable liberal order.

Historicism

The claim that history has discoverable laws that justify prophecy and total social reconstruction.

Piecemeal social engineering

Reform of particular institutions with feedback and reversal, against utopian wholesale redesign of society.

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