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Q1(a)

What are the crucial functions of empirical political theory in Comparative Politics?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · PSIR GS 2 · 10 marks · Comparative Politics

Comparative Politics: Nature and major approaches; political economy and political sociology perspectives; limitations of the comparative method.

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David Easton

Defined politics as the authoritative allocation of values and asked for a scientific, systems account of political life.

Gabriel Almond

Comparative Politics after the 1950s used structural-functional categories to compare political systems, not only constitutions.

Giovanni Sartori

Warned that concepts that travel too far become stretched and stop explaining anything.

Middle-range theory

Limited generalisations about a class of cases, rather than one covering law for all states.

Robert Cox

Distinguished problem-solving theory that works within a given order from critical theory that asks how that order arose.

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