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Explain the relevance of the idea of 'cultural lag' in understanding social change.

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Ogburn

Cultural lag: adaptive culture trails material invention, producing maladjustment.

Material culture

Tools, machines, and techniques in Ogburn's contrast with values and institutions.

Anomie

Durkheim's lag of moral regulation behind a new division of labour.

Gig platforms

A contemporary Indian illustration of technique ahead of labour law and social security.

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