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Q1(c)

What are variables? Discuss their role in experimental research.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2015 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Research Methods and Analysis

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Independent variable

The condition treated as cause; in true experiments it is assigned at random.

Durkheim

Used variation in integration and regulation to explain variation in suicide rates.

Merton

Middle-range theory is typically a hypothesised link among a few variables.

NFHS

Measures many social variables at household scale without experimental assignment.

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