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Q5(c)

Is religion playing an important role in increasing fundamentalism? Give reasons for your answer.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2016 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Religion and Society

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Fundamentalism

Modern claim to inerrant foundations against pluralism and critique.

Sect

High-demand exclusive community; a organisational neighbour of fundamentalist groups.

Charisma

Weber: extraordinary authority that can fuse leader, text, and crowd.

Civil religion

Bellah: national sacred that can compete with or feed confessional politics.

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