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Q1(c)

Illustrate with example the significance of variable in sociology research

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2017 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociology as Science

Sociology as Science: Science, scientific method and critique; Major theoretical strands of research methodology; Positivism and its critique; Fact value and objectivity; Non-positivist methodologies.

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Numbers move. Confirm the latest Budget, Economic Survey or census round. This sheet is for revision, not a substitute for the model answer.

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Durkheim on suicide

Turned official counts into a dependent variable related to integration and regulation.

Operational definition

The rule that links a concept to an observable indicator.

Census work status

A public variable whose coding of women's work shapes the picture of inequality.

Blumer

Criticised variable analysis that treats meanings as already fixed.

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