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Q1(b)

Is sociology a value-free science ? Discuss.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2020 · 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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Weber

Value-relevance versus value-freedom in the demonstration of claims.

Gouldner

Criticised value-free sociology as an ideology of the profession.

Harding

Strong objectivity: making standpoint explicit can improve, not ruin, science.

Burawoy

Public sociology: a dialogue of values with extra-academic publics.

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