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Q2(b)

How far are sociologists justified in using positivist approach to understand social reality ? Explain with suitable illustrations

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2021 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Sociology

Sociology - The Discipline: Modernity and social changes in Europe and emergence of sociology; Scope of the subject and comparison with other social sciences; Sociology and common sense.

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Positive stage: knowledge of invariable relations among observables, not of first causes.

Suicide (1897)

Classic positivist sociological explanation using official rates and types of solidarity.

Operational definition

A rule that turns a concept such as work or household into a countable indicator.

NFHS

Repeated survey indicators used to test hypotheses on health, fertility, and gender.

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