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Q5(a)

Critically examine the relevance of Durkheim's views on religion in contemporary society.

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2022 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx

Sociological Thinkers: Karl Marx - Historical materialism, mode of production, alienation, class struggle; Emile Durkheim - Division of labour, social fact, suicide, religion and society; Max Weber - Social action, ideal types, authority, bureaucracy, protestant ethic and the spirit of capitalism; Talcott Parsons - Social system, pattern variables; Robert K. Merton - Latent and manifest functions, conformity and deviance, reference groups; Mead - Self and identity.

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Sacred and profane

Durkheim's basic classification of religious life, set apart by ritual interdicts.

Collective effervescence

Heightened assembly in which the group feels a force beyond the individual.

Bellah

Civil religion: national sacred without a single church, a Durkheimian contemporary type.

Census religion data

Indian official series that show persistence of named communities beside urban differentiation.

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