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Q1(b)

Discuss the relationship between sociology and political science

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · 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 on the state

The state claims a monopoly of legitimate physical force within a territory.

Class, status, party

Weber's three orders of stratification, which bind market, honour, and political organisation.

Michels

Iron law of oligarchy: organisation in parties produces a ruling minority.

C. Wright Mills

The Power Elite treated military, corporate, and political command as one social formation.

RTI Act, 2005

Indian statute that made state files a field for both legal-political and sociological study of accountability.

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