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What, according to Robert Michels, is the iron law of oligarchy? Do lions folly and foxes in Vilfredo Pareto's theory, essentially differ from each other? Substantiate

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · 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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Political Parties

Michels's study stating the iron law of oligarchy from the experience of socialist organisation.

German SPD

The workers' party Michels used to show that democratic doctrine did not prevent a leadership caste.

Residues Class I and II

Pareto's combination versus persistence, mapped onto foxes and lions.

Circulation of elites

Pareto's claim that governing minorities replace one another rather than dissolve into the mass.

Oligarchy tendency

Control of funds, speech, and office by a few inside parties and unions, still visible in cadre organisations.

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