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Q2(c)

What are variables? How do they facilitate research?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Research Methods and Analysis

Research Methods and Analysis: Qualitative and quantitative methods; Techniques of data collection; Variables, sampling, hypothesis, reliability and validity.

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Independent variable

The grouping or presumed causal condition in a design.

Dependent variable

The outcome the study seeks to explain.

Durkheim's suicide rates

Rates treated as variables of integration and regulation, not as private moods.

Operationalisation

The step that turns a concept into a measurable indicator.

Spurious correlation

An association that vanishes when a third variable is controlled.

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