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Q1(a)

What is the distinctiveness of the feminist method of social research? Comment

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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Dorothy Smith

Argued that sociology's concepts were written from a ruling standpoint and that enquiry should begin in women's everyday world.

Sandra Harding

Developed standpoint epistemology: knowledge is situated, and subordinated positions can yield stronger objectivity when made explicit.

Ann Oakley

Showed that the supposedly impersonal interview conceals power and is a poor tool for studying housework and reproduction.

Patricia Hill Collins

Stated that Black feminist thought requires intersection of race, class, and gender, not a single women's sample.

Double day

Paid work plus unpaid care, a pattern that standard occupational codes often fail to record as labour.

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