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Q7(c)

Discuss the dimensions of power in the construction and maintenance of social hierarchies in a society

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 10 marks · Politics and Society

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Hegemony

Gramsci's term for leadership that wins consent, so that hierarchy is lived as common sense.

Symbolic violence

Bourdieu's term for the misrecognised power that makes people accept their place as natural.

Three dimensions of stratification

Weber's class, status and party, which prevent a purely economic map of hierarchy.

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