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Q8(b)

Discuss various theories of social change. Explain the limitations of unilinear theory of social change

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 marks · Social Change in Modern Society

Social Change in Modern Society: Sociological theories of social change; Development and dependency; Agents of social change; Education and social change; Science, technology and social change.

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Comte's three stages

Theological, metaphysical and positive, a classic unilinear scheme of intellectual and social development.

Multilinear evolution

Steward's alternative: different environments and histories produce different sequences, not one ladder.

Dependency critique

The claim that poor societies are not at an earlier rung but are shaped by unequal global relations.

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