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Q2(b)

Do you think 'objectivity' is an over-hyped idea in sociological research? Discuss the merits and demerits of non-positivist methods

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2024 · Sociology GS 1 · 20 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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Weber on value-neutrality

Values shape topic choice, but the handling of evidence should not smuggle the researcher's politics as if it were data.

Double hermeneutic

Giddens's term for sociology's interpretation of a world that is already interpreted by actors.

Standpoint critique

Feminist argument that claimed neutrality often encodes dominant social positions.

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