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Q5(d)

How does Weber's Verstehen address the objectivity-subjectivity debate in sociology?

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2025 · 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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Social action

Weber: behaviour oriented to others and meaningful to the actor, the basic unit of sociology.

Value relevance

Cultural values shape what we choose to study; they need not dictate what we then find.

Ideal type

A constructed accentuation used as a measuring rod, such as bureaucracy or the Protestant ethic.

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