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Analyse the differences between the attributional and interactional approach in studying the caste system

UPSC Civil Services Mains 2023 · Sociology GS 2 · 10 marks · Caste System

Caste System: Perspectives (G.S. Ghurye, M.N. Srinivas, Louis Dumont, Andre Beteille); Features of caste system; Untouchability - forms and perspectives.

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Ghurye

Classical attributional list of caste features used across Indian sociology.

Marriott

Kishan Garhi work on interactional ranking through food and service.

Dumont

Pure and impure as the binary that organises caste interaction.

Srinivas

Dominant caste: local power can recast interaction without a new varna label.

Sanskritization

Change of interactional practice that later seeks an attributional upgrade.

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