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## Practical aspects & significance of sociology of development as a field

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**Abstract**

In all ages and human times ever since our erect and restless species appeared upon the planet, men have been living with others of their kind in something called societies. Preceding the rise of sociology the investigation of society was carried on in an informal way and society had never been the focal worry of any science. It is through the investigation of sociology that the really logical investigation of the general public has been conceivable. Sociology alone examinations social connections, society itself. Sociology is keen on social connections not on the grounds that they are monetary or political or strict or legitimate but since they are simultaneously social. Sociology concentrate how the relations consolidate, how they develop more modest or more prominent frameworks and how they react to changes and changing needs or requests. In this manner the investigation of sociology is basically diagnostic.

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**Introduction**

Sociology due to its endless supply of the issues of the current world has expected such an extraordinary significance that it is viewed as the best way to deal with all the sociologies. Giddings have properly called attention to, 'Sociology discloses to us how to become what we need to be.' Sociology makes a reader up-to-date to various social predicaments. Sociology makes a reader up-to date in his feelings and also guides an individual how to stroll along with the society. Thus the, study of sociology keeps its reserved place in the life of individual since it contains various information's for him. Sociology is also important for individuals because it throws light on the problems of the individuals.

Sociology is popular as a teaching subject. It is being accorded an important place in the colleges and universities. The importance of sociology is further provided by the fact that the subject of sociology is also included in engineering, agriculture and other branches. Without the study of sociology the training and knowledge of the candidates aspiring to hold high post in the administrative set up of their country will be incomplete and imperfect.

**Sociology illuminates the social idea of man**

Sociology digs profound into the social idea of man. It reveals to us why man is a social creature, why he lives in a gathering, networks and social orders. It looks at the connection among individual and society, the effect of society on man and different issues.

**Sociology builds the intensity of social activity**

The study of society helps a person to get himself, his abilities, gifts and restrictions. It empowers him to modify himself to the climate. Information on society, social gatherings, social foundations, affiliations, their capacities and so forth causes us to lead a viable public activity.

**Sociology examines function of the foundations in the improvement of the people**

It is through sociology that logical investigation of the incredible social foundations and the connection of the person to each is being made. The home and family, the school and instruction, the congregation and religion, the state and government, industry and work, the network and affiliation, these are foundations through which society capacities.

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Sociology contemplates these foundations and their part in the improvement of the individual and recommends appropriate measures for reinforcing them so as to empower them to serve the individual better.

### **Investigation of sociology is imperative for comprehension and arranging of society**

Society is an unpredictable wonder with a huge number of complexities. It is difficult to comprehend and take care of its various issues without help of sociology. It is appropriately said that we can't comprehend and patch society with no information on its component and development. Without the examination completed by sociology no genuine successful social arranging would be conceivable. It encourages us to decide the most productive methods for arriving at the objectives settled upon. A specific measure of information about society is essential before any social arrangements can be done.

### **Sociology is critical in the arrangement of social issues**

The current world is experiencing numerous issues that can be illuminated through logical investigation of the general public. It is the errand of sociology to examine the social issues through the strategies for logical examination and to discover answer for them. The logical investigation of human undertakings will eventually give the group of information and rules that will empower us to control the states of public activity and improve them.

### **Sociology has caused us to notice the characteristic worth and respect of man**

Sociology has been instrumental in changing our mentality towards individuals. In a particular society we are totally restricted with respect to the measure of the entire association and culture that we can encounter straightforwardly. We can barely know the individuals of different territories personally. So as to have understanding into and valuation for the intentions by which others live and the conditions under which they exist information on sociology is fundamental.

### **Sociology has changed our viewpoint with respect to the issues of wrongdoing**

It is through the investigation of sociology that our entire point of view toward different parts of wrongdoing has change. The lawbreakers are presently treated as people experiencing mental inadequacies and endeavors are as needs be made to restore them as helpful individuals from the general public.

### **Sociology has made extraordinary commitment to advance human culture**

Human culture has been made more extravagant by the commitment of sociology. The social wonder is currently perceived in the light of logical information and enquiry. As per Lowie a large portion of us harbor the agreeable dream that our method of doing things is the main reasonable if not just conceivable one. Sociology has given us preparing to have discerning way to deal with questions concerning oneself, one's religion, customs, ethics and establishments. It has additionally instructed us to be objective, basic and impartial. It empowers man to have better understanding both of himself and of others. By relative investigation of social orders and gatherings other than his reality, his life

gets more extravagant and more full than it would somehow or another be. Sociology additionally presents for us the need of beating thin close to home biases, desire and class disdain.

### **Sociology is vital in the arrangement of global issues**

The advancement made by physical sciences has brought the countries of the world closer to one another. In any case, in the social field the world has been abandoned by the progressive advancement of the science. The world is partitioned politically offering ascend to pressure and struggle. Men have neglected to acquire harmony.

### **Sociology can help us in understanding the basic causes and strains**

The estimation of sociology lies in the way that it keeps us update on present day circumstances.

It adds to making productive members of society and discovering answers for the network issues. It adds to the information on the general public. It pushes the individual discover his connection to society. The investigation of social marvels and of the available resources of advancing what Giddens calls social sufficiency is one of the most pressing needs of the cutting edge society. Sociology has a solid appeal to a wide range of brain through its immediate endless supply of the underlying issues of the current world. Investigation of society has helped governments to advance the government assistance of the ancestral and underestimated networks.

The ancestral and minimized networks face numerous financial and social issues. Studies directed by sociologists and anthropologists with respect to ancestral social orders and issues have helped governments in attempted social government assistance measures and projects for the government assistance purposes.

### **Sociology is valuable as an educating subject**

Sociology is a calling where specialized fitness brings its own prizes. Sociologists those prepared in research strategies are contributing in business, government, industry, social area, correspondences and numerous different zones of network life. Sociology has now gotten handy enough to be polished in different fields unmistakably in neighborhood, state, public and worldwide levels.

### **Clinical Sociology**

Clinical sociology, for instance, has had long contribution in the investigation of clinical instruction, dating from the 1950s. Teachers looked for help from sociologists in improving educational programs and in seeing better how to structure instruction to manage the worries of preparing, lessen untrustworthy conduct, improve choice cycles, and prompt more nice inquisitive conduct with respect to doctors in preparing—so, how to change understudies into better clinical experts. Numerous sociologists imparting these objectives to clinical teachers did phenomenal examinations on such issues as adapting to vulnerability, strength choice, factors influencing proficient socialization, and so forth.

Different investigations, in any case, inspected clinical instruction regarding its qualities and inconsistencies. They zeroed in on the inconsistency between instructive way of talking and the conduct of the staff; they depicted the monetary and distinction motivations that discouraged personnel from their maintained objectives and qualities;

and they saw a portion of the less excellent conduct of clinical understudies as versatile to a considerable lot of the conflicting difficulties and impetuses to which they were uncovered. 10 They addressed whether the moral issue was just an issue of more cautious determination to evade a couple "rotten ones" as doctors frequently observed the issue, the absence of a course in morals, or the consequence of central issues concerning the motivations and compensations inside medication. To put it plainly, they saw the issue not as one of basic cures. Moreover, pundits of clinical training were less dazzled by the cases and status of the calling. While those closer to medication may consider clinical instruction regarding *The Student Physician*, those less intrigued idea of them more as *Boys in White*.

As a matter of fact the study of social phenomena and ways and means of promoting what Giddings calls human adequacy is one of the most logical and reasonable of all subjects that ought to be made scientific. This century must be one of developing human and social welfare if we are to make social progress. It is, therefore, rightly thought by many that sociology may be the best approach to all the social sciences and therefore a key study for the present situation.

As Beach says, sociology has a strong appeal to all types of minds through its direct bearing upon many of the critical problems of the present world. Giddings has suggested that just as economics tells up how to get the things we want to have, sociology tells us how to become what we want to be. Thus, sociology becomes as the scientific study of society, the representative of a great advice.

Society is the largest organisation of the individuals. Society has its own problems in every field. It is through the study of sociology that the scientific study of society has been possible. The study of society not only has a value in modern complex society, it becomes indispensable.

The study of society contributes to the formulation of social policies which required certain amount of knowledge about that society. Descriptive sociology provides a great deal of information that is helpful in making decisions on social policy.

In India, the solution of the problem of extreme poverty requires from the sociologists primarily an investigation of the facts such researches undoubtedly influence social policy. If the society is to develop and prosper, the study of society is must for politicians, administrators, social reformers, students and teachers.

### **Practical aspects of sociology**

The practical aspect of sociology is too of great importance in the study of social problems and in social work and social adjustment. The one social problem is of course that of people living well and happily together. To achieve this, a scientific study of society is needed in order to make necessary adjustments.

Another specific aspect of the practical side of sociology is the study of the great social institutions and the relation of the individual to each of them. There is, therefore, a particular need for the strengthening of these institutions and one of the first essentials is the scientific study of their problems and situations. Sociology has analysed the causes of the many maladies of society and suggested the means for curing them. Society is a complex structure. There must be a scientific study of its problems if they are to be solved.

One of the most important aspects and one of the greatest opportunities of sociology is that of making scientific enquiries into the questions of social concern. It ought to be clear that social evils do not just happen and everything has its due cause. It ought to be clear that the world has gone on too long determining its social policies on unsound basis and with insufficient knowledge.

To begin the study of social problems through the method of scientific research, therefore, offers an important task to students everywhere. The aim of the sociologist is to study human society and its institutions with the dispassionate objectivity of an entomologist studying insects.

Sociology teaches every member of every association as to how they can progress in their life through mutual cooperation. The association must renounce their negative attitude towards others so as to progress in their life. Sociology with its widespread subject matter keeps enough ways and means to set everything in right direction.

Family is the leading organisation of the humanity that the first school and first world for a child. Like society; the family organisation has also its own problems. Various elements revolving around the family present a great problem for the sociologists and social reformers. Such problems as what should be the mode system age of marriage? What should be the mode of divorce and separation? What should be the relationship between wife and husband etc.

These problems must be viewed not through the opinions of the social reformers or sociologist but also from scientific angle.

There is the intellectual value of sociology. It has intellectual consequences for anyone who studies it. The study of sociology helps the individual to understand human society and how social system work. A comparative study of human societies enables us to understand that people in different societies have many different solutions to the universal human problems of making a living.

Sociologists, especially those trained in research procedures, are in increasing demand in Government, industry, town planning social work, communication administration and other areas of community life. Although teaching, especially in colleges and universities, will always draw sociologist, sociology has now become 'practical' enough to be practised outside the academic halls. Careers apart from teaching are now possible in sociology.

The various areas of applied sociology, in short, are coming more and more into prominence on local, State, national and international levels.

Sociology assumes significance in the study of international problems. The world which was seen as a living place spotted by the nations and classes living in isolation have become unified living society of humanity. But if we take up the social and cultural aspects, we find the humanity at the same age-old level of barbarism. Nations fight with each other with more fiery instruments of modern warfare. Countries propagate against each other to acquire narrow goals. It is in this context the study of sociology becomes important.

The value of sociology lies in the fact that it keeps us up-to-date on modern situations, it contributes to making good citizens, it contributes to the solution of community problems, it adds to the knowledge of society, it helps the individual find his relation to society, it identifies good

Government with community, it helps one to understand causes of things and so on. Sociology has practical value for the individual as it assists him to understand himself, his resources and limitations, his potentialities and his role in society.

### **Significance of sociology of development as a field**

Development sociology is the study of the causes and consequences of economic change in society. The study of development has been one of the fundamental aspects of sociology since the beginnings of the discipline. The competing visions of Weber's Protestant Ethic and the Spirit of Capitalism (1904-5) and Marx's *Das Kapital* (1867) have made debates concerning the rise and evolution of capitalism central to the core theoretical debates of sociology. Analyzing the causes and consequences of development has been the spur that produced the development of Parsonian functionalism, as well as Neo-Marxist and world-systems based challenges to systems models. Considering the inter-relation between economic development and personal life has stimulated many of our models of demography, notably those of changes in fertility and mortality. Models of migration have been consistently rooted in development dynamics. Analyses of historical transformations of gender roles and gender ideology consistently invoke the dialectical interplay between the forces of economic development, female labor force participation, power within the family and gendered culture. Political sociology has consistently engaged with the role of the state in producing economic development – and the role of economic change in redistributing power among social actors. Economic sociology consistently turns to social development as the natural setting for tests of its theories.

Development Sociology investigates the practices and processes of social change. In this sense the sociology of development addresses pressing intellectual challenges: internal and international migration, transformation of political regimes, changes in household and family formations, technological change, sustainable (and unsustainable) population and economic growth, and the production and reproduction of social and economic inequality.

Development is at the center of the sociological enterprise. There is a healthy debate over the relative importance of the material and cultural foundations of development – and with it, society. The Marx vs. Weber debate on the origins of capitalism stimulated subsequent generations of sociologists to develop their own statement on the material vs. cultural determinants of industrialization and the rise of modern societies. Weberians have looked for the functional equivalents of Protestantism elsewhere in the world. (Eisenstadt 1968) Other sociologists have broadened Weber's analysis to identify a broad array of cultural and organizational factors need to transform traditional societies into modernizing economies, such as an "interest in material improvement" (Levy 1966), a demand for institutional autonomy that began in Protestant churches but extended into the political and economic realms (Fullbrook 1983), a "disciplinary state" (Gorski 2003), a "manufacturing social formation" (Gould 1987), or a "world culture" (Meyer 1997).

In contrast, scholars who share Marx's preference for materialist models (Chirot 1985, Collins 1986, Hall 1985) argue for the centrality of power in the formation of

capitalism – and the ability of elites to transform economic institutions for their own advantage. Mann (1993) argues that capitalism emerged from the interstices of structures created by actors with social power. Lachmann (2000), in a comparative study of early capitalist development in Western Europe, finds capitalist development was at first an inadvertent result of conflicts among feudal elites. Wallerstein emphasize international relations of domination either through market mechanisms or the coercive force associated with empire. From this point of view Europe's success came directly from their exploitation and underdevelopment of China and the rest of the capitalist periphery. In important works, Tilly (1990) and Mann (1993) offer a reminder of the profound relationship of capitalist development to state formation and war-making. "Primitive" capitalist accumulation was profoundly affected by coercion and imperialism. Sociologists looking at late capitalism would make similar arguments, linking development to extraction of surplus value from the global south, and the use of military Keynesianism to support capital accumulation in the core. (Frank, 1967, O'Connor 1973, Hooks 1991) Teasing out the manner in which these political and economic processes intertwine and operate according to distinct logics is a central challenge for contemporary scholars focused on development.

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