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Sociology

1-What is a simple definition of sociology?

Sociology is the study of social life, social change, and the social causes and consequences of human behavior. Sociologists investigate the structure of groups, organizations, and societies. The field of sociology also examines how social institutions like families, schools, governments, and economies function, and how they influence the lives of individuals and groups. Sociologists often focus on social problems such as inequality, poverty, crime, and discrimination, and seek to develop strategies to address these issues.

2-The definition by some writers:

Sugruman (Sociology, 1968)

“Sociology is the objective study of human behavior in so far as it is affected by the fact that people live in groups”.

Ginsberg (the study of society, 1939)

“Sociology may be defined as the study of society; that is of the web of human interactions and relationships”.

3-Why study sociology?

Studying sociology provides a better understanding of the following: Reasons for social differences, including differences in social behavior. Reasons for the differentials in group opportunities and outcomes. In addition, social power in everyday life.

4-Benefits of Studying Sociology

Sociology teaches people to challenge the easy and simplistic explanations in life. It encourages people to ask better.

5-Importance of Sociology

- Sociology studies society in a scientific way.
- Sociology increases the power of social action.
- Sociology studies role of the institutions in the development of the individuals.
- Sociology is of great importance in the solution of social problems.
- Sociology has changed our outlook with regard to the problems of crime.
- Sociology has made great contribution to enrich human culture.