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Habitus, Definition, Meaning: Sociology YouTube Lecture Handouts

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Definition

“A structuring structure, which organizes practices and the perception of practices.” - Bourdieu

Meaning

- Cognitive system of structures
- Ways of thinking, acting and feeling
- Internal representations of external structures
- Thoughts, tastes, beliefs, interests
- Understanding of the world around us
- Internalization through Primary socialization - family, culture, education.
- Internalising structures + ... = Habitus
- Durable and transposable - transferrable
- Eg. Migration
- Hysteresis – inappropriate habitus
- Habitus influences our actions
- Social world influenced by the external world
- Every individual has different habitus depending on one’s position
- Unequal imposition
- Relation between social and mental structure

Concept

- “Habitus constrains but does not determine thought and action”
- Suggests what to think and choose to do
- Habitus is reflected in decisions
- Logic of practice
- Awareness of habitus

- Objectivity required
- Produces social world
- Produced by social world

MCQs

Q. 1.

Assertion: Habitus is not an unchanging fixed structure rather is adapted by individuals who are constantly changing according to situations.

Reason: we are not conscious of habitus but it manifests in most of our daily practices.

Options

- 1) A is false and R is true
- 2) A is true and R is false
- 3) A is true but R is not the correct answer for A
- 4) None of these

Answer: 3

Q. 2.

Statement 1: People display and transmit a distinctive 'habitus' that is learned social habits, perceptions and dispositions.

Statement 2: "People are not fools." They act in a reasonable manner. There is logic of practice in what people do.

Options

- a) Statement 1 is true
- b) Statement 1 is false
- c) Both are true
- d) Both are false

Answer: c

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