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Social Inequality and Social Exclusion: Inequality and Sociologists Disagree

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- Wealth concentrated in the hands of rich.
- Barriers faced by less privileged
- Classes structured in societies accordingly.
- Labels used like Upper class, middle class, etc.
- Better access and availability of resources at upper level of society

Inequality

- Inequality is when equality of opportunity is denied
- Absence of equality
- Liberal capitalists: Equality should be among the equals and not equality in terms of privileges as outcome will always be different
- Individual should not face any discrimination only then equality can be achieved

Sociologists Disagree

- Equality lies in distributive justice
- Resources of the society belong to all
- Everyone should have access to them
- Only then society will be an equal society

Aspects of Society According to HJ Laskey

- Equality of opportunity
- Accessibility to material resources
- Absence of titles and privileges
- Equal treatment and rewards for equal performance



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- Health, crime rate. Living environment, well-being
- Socio-economic-political-cultural-civic
- Access to services, education, skills, material resources

Social Exclusion

- Extreme form of inequality
- One group is debarred from larger interaction with the other group

Examples:

- Prohibition on interaction and meeting with others
- Inter-dining prohibition
- Prohibition on marriages

Factors

The rules of social exclusion vary with society:

- Violation of norms in the society example inter-caste marriage
- Occupations like scavenging
- Lifestyle example hippies
- Diseases like AIDS, leprosy
- Violation of law which results to punishment in jail
- Basis of income e. g. dwelling in slums
- Voluntary exclusion e. g. Sadhus, celebrities

Conclusion

- Synthesis of equality of opportunity and distributive justice
- Society based on equality
- E. g. distributive justice of equal pay



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MCQs

Q. 1. Who among the following theorists sees contemporary society as a death culture, with death being the ' paradigm of all social exclusion and discrimination " ?

- (A) J. Baudrillard
- (B) U. Beck
- (C) M. Foucault
- (D) J. F. Lyotard

Answer: (A)

Q. 2. Who among the following argues that the withdrawal of legitimacy from an existing system of inequality is a critical precondition for conflict?

- (A) R. Dahrendorf
- (B) L. Coser
- (C) R. Collins
- (D) J. Habermas

Answer: (B)

Q. 3. The book 'Equality' which examines in detail the inequalities of wealth and income and their connection with the class system is written by

- (a) Andre Bettle

(b) Trotsky

(c) R. H. Tawney

(d) Lowie

Ans. (c)

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