

British Values - Sociology

Respect civil and criminal law

- In all topics (Families, Education, Stratification, Crime) the impact of civil law, and respect for, is covered as a positive feature of British society.
- Reformist sociologists, such as liberal feminists and Left Realist criminologists, all stress the importance of Parliamentary law in bringing about positive changes to British society.
- In sociological theories, the impact of how sociology contributes to the creation of civil law is also covered, indicating that respect for civil and criminal law is embedded within the subject.

Appreciate viewpoints of others on ethical issues

- In research methods topic, there is a thread running throughout the topic regarding what ethical issues means and how it impacts on respondents of social research.
- These include ethical issues related to privacy, confidentiality, informed consent and prevent psychological harm.
- Having an awareness that research itself may contribute to negative labelling of minority groups in society and the need to be cautious in how such material is presented in research.

Acceptance and engagement with fundamental British Values of democracy

- The concept of rule by consent, and consensus theory, run throughout the course.
- Reformist sociologists, such as liberal feminists and Left Realist criminologists, all stress the importance of Parliamentary law in bringing about positive changes to British society. These uphold the values of democracy.
- Social policies in Families, Education and Crime indicate how specific issues are addressed via democratically elected governments who have implemented reforms based on a democratic mandate. This demonstrates an engagement with the fundamental British values of democracy.
- In sociological theories, social policy examines how successful a democratically elected government can be when implemented laws and policies. It looks at the relationship between proposals for laws, the electorate and practical implementation.

Contribute positively to life in modern Britain

- Feminist sociology has made the theoretical case for women's equality which has had a positive impact on modern Britain.
- Postmodern sociologists stress the importance of minority rights and the acceptance of diversity as a form of toleration.
- Overcoming class based disadvantages in Education has influenced government policies to enable all students to access equality of opportunity.
- Realist criminologists have contributed positively to social policy on law enforcement.
- In social stratification, sociologists produced evidence to demonstrate how the position of ethnic minorities in the UK has improved. This was published five years before the sociologist Tony Sewell found similar evidence for the current government. It counters a negative narrative that Britain treats minorities in a negative or discriminatory light. Such sociology contributes to social cohesion through providing evidence of fairness, anti-discrimination and equality of opportunity.