

The Sociology of Morality; A Theoretical Model for Explaining the Sociology of Moral Life

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Abstract

The sociology of morality as an interdisciplinary study seeks to analyze moral life in terms of social and cultural contexts. Sociologists have recently made attempts to institutionalize this field again. This study aims to promote this debate theoretically, and based on experimental research, seeks to construct a model that can be used in analyzing the sociology of moral life. The method of this research is descriptive and analytic, and its data is based on experimental findings. The study of many pieces of research shows that this model highlights the distinctive aspects of this field, and addresses the social and cultural changes which have an impact on moral life instead of focusing on a priori definitions of morality. This study uses the moral typologies to demonstrate the development of morality in the society, and thereby to improve the evaluation criteria for recognizing moral differences. It also analyzes a variety of moral concepts in terms of their social origin, and finally, considers how ethics can influence the strategies of actions, with respect to moral motives and cognitive schemes.

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