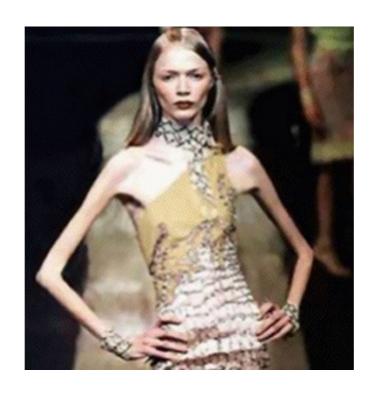
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What is it to understand sociologically?

Katherine Mayo's Mother India

Seeing is not understanding!







Peter Berger: The Art of Skepticism

It is not practice but an attempt to understand

Questioning the taken for granted

Sociological Aptitude:

• Value-free: an intellectual training for controlling biases

Example of espionage: being the good spy!

'looking behind scenes'/ 'the art of mistrust'

According to Peter Berger: Sociologists occupy themselves with

The unofficial

• **Unrespectable**—not only how law constructs criminals but how the criminal looks at law.

William Foote Whyte

• matters that others regard as too sacred or as too distasteful for investigation

• Debunk

Relativize

• Leading to a **cosmopolitan** imagination—plurality of meaning. Sociologist must probe into layers of meaning and analyze how social reality is constructed.

• It makes us see everyday things in a new light.

Not what you see, but how you see!

• Peter Berger: An Invitation to Sociology