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role of mass education in democratic social planning Finally Mannheim forged the rudiments of a political sociology attacking the abuse of politico military power and the resulting danger of a third world war while simultaneously calling for counter attack under the banner of planning for freedom on behalf of militant fundamental democracy In tracing these development in Karl Mannheim's work Gunter Remmling provides insights into major theoretical and practical issues of the first half of the twentieth century problems which remain central to the modern experience A comprehensive bibliography is provided to introduce the sociology of knowledge and related topics such as ideology utopia intellectuals Weimar culture and social Sociology and Social Research (RLE Social Theory) Geoff Payne, Robert Dingwall, Judy Payne, Mick Carter, 2014-08-21 A social science which has become so remote from the society which pays for its upkeep is ultimately doomed threatened less by repression than by intellectual contempt and financial neglect. This is the message of the authors of this book in this reassessment of the evolution and present state of British sociology Their investigation analyses the discipline as a social institution whose product is inexorably shaped by the everyday circumstances of its producers it is the concrete outcome of people s work rather than a body of abstract ideas Drawing upon their varied experience as teachers and researchers they identify three major trends in contemporary sociology First that the discipline s rapid expansion has led to a retreat from rigorous research into Utopian and introspective theorising Second that the concept of sociological research is being taught in a totally false way because of this and encourages research within a wholly academic environment Third that the current unpopularity of sociology with academics prospective students and politicians is no coincidence but a reflection of the conditions under which sociology is now produced and practised In Sociology and Social Research the authors suggest substantial changes in sociological research the way in which it is carried out and the conditions under which it is undertaken Their book is a timely warning to fellow sociologists when the profession is under attack as a result of public expenditure cuts symposium on sociological theory, 1959 **New Frontiers in Social Innovation Research** Alex Nicholls, Julie Simon, Madeleine Gabriel, Christopher Whelan, 2015-09-18 This book is open access under a CC BY license Interest in social innovation continues to rise from governments setting up social innovation labs to large corporations developing social innovation strategies Yet theory lags behind practice and this hampers our ability to understand social innovation and make the most of its potential This collection brings together work by leading social innovation researchers globally exploring the practice and process of researching social innovation its nature and effects Combining theoretical chapters and empirical studies it shows how social innovation is blurring traditional boundaries between the market the state and civil society thereby developing new forms of services relationships and collaborations It takes a critical perspective analyzing potential downsides of social innovation that often remain unexplored or are glossed over yet concludes with a powerful vision of the potential for social innovation to transform society It aims to be a valuable resource for students and researchers as well as policymakers and others supporting and leading social innovation The Developmental Science of

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