

Criticism of Risley

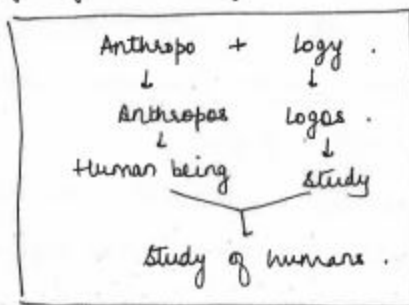
1. Turko-Iranian - Risley categorized Sinhais and Balochis as broad head whereas they have different head forms.
 - * cannot be placed along with Afghans.
 2. Indo-Aryan -
 - Khatris are odd inclusion
 - As per Guha, it has much larger geographical spread over to Guzera and Travancore.
 3. Scytho-Drauidian - Risley gave too much importance to Scythian elements when he discussed about broad headed people as the Scytho-Drauidian.

As to Guha - the Scythian invaders stayed so short that they could hardly spread any remarkable influence among ethnic elements of Bombay Presidency.
 4. Mongoloid Drauidian - Although Mongolian people are brachycephals, but the epicanthic fold as a typical Mongolian feature is found only in extreme northern districts (e.g. Darjeeling)
- Study of sakas - evidence of epicanthic fold in the Hindu Castes of coastal Bengal - not explained by Risley.
5. Mongoloid - Risley was criticized for placing all the sub-Himalayan population of Himalaya in one category of Mongoloid.

1.1 - meaning scope & defn of Anthro.

WHAT IS ANTHRO?

① Etymological meaning :- Term coined by Aristotle implies 'science of man'.



↳ (Not a comprehensive defn)

Features →

- 6 ① Anthro is the HOLISTIC study of biological & sociocultural evolution of & variations in humans across space & time.
- 7 ② It is a SYNTHETIC SCIENCE that has close links with other social and biological sciences, yet it is unique & more exhaustive than others.
- 8 ③ Coverage of anthro extends to all human societies of all ages. This is called UNIVERSALISM of anthropology.
- 9 ④ It's HOLISTIC approach studies all aspects with their interactions. The concept of cultural relativism is used to maintain objectivity and FIELDWORK technique of participant observation ensures in-depth understanding of the subject's way of life.