

Social Capital

**‘Social capital can account for differences in the development of nations.’
Discuss. In this context, can governments act to foster social capital?**

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