
A Survey of Qualitative Methods

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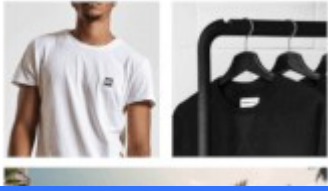
Framework	Discipline	Research Questions	Practice
Ethnography	Anthropology	What is the culture of this group of people? How does culture explain their perspectives and behaviors?	Observation of life-world; Interviews; Depth reading
Autoethnography	Literary Arts	How does my own experience of my culture offer insights about my culture, situation, event, and way of life?	Depth reading; Observation of lived experience; Reflective writing
Grounded Theory	Social Sciences Methodology	What theory, grounded in fieldwork, emerges from systematic comparative analysis so as to explain what has been observed?	Interviews; Coding; Developing theory
Phenomenology	Philosophy	What is the meaning, structure, and essence of the lived experience of this phenomenon for this person or group of people?	Self/world reflection; Interviews; Depth reading
Heuristic Inquiry	Humanistic Psychology	What is my experience of this phenomenon and the essential experience of others who also experience this phenomenon intensely?	Self/world reflection; Interviews; Depth reading
Social	Sociology	How have the people in	Interviews;

Constructionism/ Constructivism		this setting constructed their reality? What is perceived as real? What are the consequences of what is perceived as real?	Depth reading
Narrative Inquiry	Social Sciences, Rhetorical Studies, Literary Criticism, Narratology, Literary Nonfiction	How can this narrative (story) be interpreted to understand and illuminate the life and culture that created it? What does this narrative or story reveal about the person and world from which it came?	Depth reading; Interviews
Ethnomethodology	Sociology	How do people make sense of their everyday activities so as to behave in socially acceptable ways?	Interviews; Observation of life-world; Depth reading
Symbolic Interaction	Social Psychology	What common set of symbols and understandings have emerged to give meaning to people's interactions?	Depth reading; Observation of life-world
Semiotics	Linguistics Rhetorical Studies	What signs (words and symbols) carry and convey special meaning in particular contexts? What are the implications of those signs for human beliefs, behaviors, and interactions?	Depth reading; Observation of life-world
Hermeneutics	Philosophy	What are the conditions	Depth

cs	Rhetorical Studies Linguistics Theology	and context under which a human act took place or a product was produced that makes it possible to interpret its meaning?	reading
Systems Theory	Interdisciplin ary	How and why does this system function as it does? What are the system's boundaries and interrelationships, and how do these affect perspectives about how and why the system functions as it does?	Interviews; Observation of life-world; Depth reading
Complexity Theory	Theoretical Physics, Biological Sciences, Ecology	How can the emergent and nonlinear dynamics of complex adaptive systems be captured, illuminated, and understood?	Interviews; Observation of life-world; Depth reading
Pragmatism and generic qualitative inquiry	Philosophy and program evaluation	What are the practical consequences and useful applications of what we can learn about this issue or problem?	Interviews; Observation of life-world; Depth reading

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