

Qualitative Data Collection

Conducting Elite Interviews in a Foreign Country

Interviews VS Elite Interviews

- Random VS intentional selection
 - Theory? Individual level analysis
 - An account only that person can provide
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What is the Purpose of your Interview?

- Causal mechanisms
 - Embedded in the survey/survey experiment
 - Stand alone methodology
 - Exploratory
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Sampling and Recruitment

- Snowball sampling
- Scope
- Expertise
- Controls

How do you formulate your questions?

- Correlation? Causation? Mechanism?
 - Generic but not abstract
 - Semi-structured but open-ended
 - Start with what they know well
 - DON'T ASK YOUR RESEARCH QUESTION !!!
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Interview Technique

- Rapport
- Restate what they said
- Question order
- Identity of the interviewer

Analyzing Data

- Reliability
 - Forcing data to fit preconceived hypotheses
 - Quotes
 - Translation
 - General Pattern VS Coding
 - Generalizability
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Academic Integrity

- Anonymity
- Pre-registering your questionnaires

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- Submitting your data when published
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Difficulties

- Availability
- Political agenda
- Consent forms
- IRB approval