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[„Actually I am different.“
Subjective constructions of
ethnic identity in a migration
context and new ways in
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One-Way Mirrors in Online Dating: A Randomized Field Experiment.

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Abstract [English]

overreporting is hardly discussed in german-language methodology literature – hardly justifiable, as a glance at the empirical data shows. the intention of the present article is therefore to bring this forgotten problem back to memory. we proceed at three levels: the first part presents an overview of the considerable body of literature found in english-speaking countries and classifies it according to methodological approaches and theoretical explanations of the phenomenon – social desirability on the one hand and misremembering on the other, which can be interpreted as a memory failure or as 'source confusing'. the second part is devoted to two theoretical sets of explanations, using empirical data from switzerland. we conduct some initial explorative hypotheses tests based on aggregate data analyses and three field experiments, and examine the effect of theoretically deduced measures at the level of questionnaires (wording). this reveals that it is difficult to create countermeasures to social desirability with minor modifications of the wording and that it may even be counter-productive. despite treatment of misremembering having an effect when time spans are sufficiently large, the causal explanation remains unclear and difficult. the last part therefore proposes additional measures for future investigations: a bogus pipeline experiment, checks on desirability and memory scales, a meta-analysis and validity studies for countries still lacking them." (author's abstract)

Keywords: Ethnic identity, acculturation orientations, domain specificity

Abstract [Deutsch]

"overreporting wird in der deutschsprachigen methodenliteratur kaum behandelt – zu unrecht, wie ein blick auf die empirischen daten zeigt. der vorliegende artikel hat sich daher zum ziel gesetzt, dieses in vergessenheit geratene problem in erinnerung zu rufen, und geht auf drei ebenen vor: im ersten teil präsentieren wir einen überblick über den beachtlichen literaturkorpus im englischsprachigen raum und nehmen eine systematisierung entlang methodischer problemstellungen und theoretischer begründungen des phänomens vor – der sozialen erwünschtheit einerseits und