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Qualitative Research Design: An Interactive Approach



Synopsis

Qualitative Research Design: An Interactive Approach, Second Edition provides researchers and students with a user-friendly, step-by-step guide to planning qualitative research. A bestseller in its First Edition, this invaluable book presents an innovative approach to the components of design and how they interact with each other. The text presents a clear strategy for creating coherent and workable relationships among these design components and highlights key design issues. Based on a course the author taught for seven years at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, the work is written in an informal, jargon-free style and incorporates many examples and hands-on exercises.

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This brief, thorough, and engaging introduction to qualitative research design has no equal. Maxwell avoids the superficial and confused paradigm discussions that so many qualitative authors engage in. He takes a pragmatic and rigorous approach that builds on the potential strengths of qualitative research while promoting well-accepted principles of scientific validity and integrity. The chapter on validity is especially noteworthy, recognizing that "Validity is a goal not a product; it is never something that can be proven or taken for granted" and that "Validity is also relative: It has to be assessed in relationship to the purposes and circumstances of the research, rather than being a context-independent property of methods or conclusions. Finally validity threats are made implausible by evidence not methods; methods are only a way of getting evidence that can help you

rule out these threats." Amen.

This is the best book I have found that describes, in simple easy to read language, how to design qualitative research. I enjoyed reading it. The exercises included throughout the book facilitated my learning. I highly recommend it!

This was by far the most useful resource that I found for my dissertation proposal. Maxwell's writing is clear, smart, and informative. The sample proposal in the back of the book was extremely useful as well.

Joseph Maxwell is always engaging regardless of the topic. Very insightful and helpful as I work toward the completion of my degree.

This is an awesome book. I love how everything is easy to understand. I love the way the author laid out the details and explained concepts. The examples are very helpful & so are the diagrams. Also, the fact that the book is small makes it approachable even though some of the material may be challenging. I would recommend this book to both students learning qualitative design for the first time and professors who want a good book for their students.

What's amazing to me about this book is how well it fits all the essential about qualitative research into a relatively few amount of pages. It's clear and fairly simple, but respects the complexities involved. A great place to start for work on a research paper or dissertation. Pound for pound, I can't think of a better book on the topic.

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