

## **Post #1 – Athur Montes**

Hi Montes, well done for the informative post. I really liked how you have incorporated various references in your post since it justifies your arguments. I concur with you that lack of standardization of instruments is a major concern since it makes it a challenge even for the researchers to be able to be certain that the instruments which they use in a given research will be effective. Apart from self-reflection, what are some of the other measures you think need to be implemented in order to ensure that the challenge is effectively addressed?

As noted by Creswell (2006), Newman (2006), Saunders et al. (2009), and Tashakori and Tedlie (2003) there is a need for researchers to ensure that the research which they carry out is reliable and valid. One of the ways that validity can be enhanced is by ensuring that the respondents understand the research question in the same manner. How is that going to be possible when the research subjects comes from different cultural settings?

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## **Post #2 – Jessie Battle**

Hi Jessie, your post concurs with the arguments by Denzin and Lincoln (2005), Flick (2006), Fontana and Frey (2000), and Patton (2002) that it is paramount for researchers to ensure that they address all ethical issues when they are carrying out a study. On the other hand, you seem to place a lot of emphasis on the need to ensure that informed consent is obtained from all the respondents. What do you think needs to be done when the respondents involved are minors or are terminally ill patients who cannot really have clear understanding of the research that they are going to take part in?

Finally, you have noted that wording of the research questions is very important since it is what determines how the respondents are going to understand the questions. In that view, what do you think

needs to be done in situation where the respondents come from different backgrounds? Should the researcher have different set of questions for each group from the different cultural background?

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