

GV100 Week 06 Qualitative Approaches to Politics Questions

Lecture:

1. What is the difference between reliability and validity?
 - a. Are quantitative and qualitative research more reliable or valid than each other?
2. What are some of the ways in which one can gather quantitative and qualitative data?
3. What are some of the strengths and weaknesses of quantitative and qualitative research?
4. Can you identify a research question that you're interested in, identify a way to gather data to answer that question, and explain why it is the most appropriate way to do so?

Reading:

5. Do you agree with Becker that there is more that unifies qualitative and quantitative research than that divides them?
6. What particular difference between quantitative and qualitative approaches, in terms of what they focus on doing, does Becker note?
 - a. What implications does this have for the outcomes of such research?
7. Why does Becker advocate focussing on the question to be answered rather than the research procedures to be followed?