

Varieties of Qualitative Research Analysis

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[note: these are not mutually exclusive categories, and only represent a few of the many varieties that exist]

Language Oriented

- Cognitive structures--*structural ethnography* (Spradley)
- Process of interaction--*analytic induction* (Becker)

Describing Regularities

- Discovering elements, categories, connections--*constant comparison* (Straus), *matrices and charting* (Miles and Huberman)
- Discovering patterns--*naturalistic inquiry* (Lincoln and Guba), *typologies* (Lofland)

Meanings of Actions or Text

- Theme discovery--*phenomenology* (Moustakas)
- Interpretation centered--*hermeneutics* (Van Manen)

Reflective Methods

- Metaphorical analysis (Patton includes this)