

Qualitative Research Approaches

Grounded Theory

The objective of a grounded theory study is to formulate a theory that pertains to the behaviors, interactions, or engagements of individuals in a specific situation. Typically, researchers collect data through interviews, focus groups, and observations within the setting where the phenomenon occurs. The data is then analyzed, and the resultant theory is complemented by a visual representation illustrating the core concepts.

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Videos

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