Feminism in Research

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**Overview**

There is no universal definition of feminist research. Feminism can be used in research to guide the overall approach, methodology, or subject matter of the research. Research may be considered feminist if it includes some of the following:

- It is grounded in or informed by feminist theories.
- The research topic centers on women.
- It is concerned with social justice and liberation.
- It focuses on gender or gender-related issues.
- Issues of power and praxis are present.
- A multi-disciplinary approach is used.
- The research explicitly juxtaposes itself against traditional male-dominated methods.
- The research actively pushes back against oppression.
- Qualitative methods are used.
- Authority is questioned.
- The authors practice reflexivity (Gringeri, Wahab, & Anderson-Nathe, 2010).

**Module Resources**

- PowerPoint presentation, *Research Class Discussion of Culture and Gender Bias*, submitted by Suzanne Marmo-Roman (Appendix A)
- [Supplemental Readings (Appendix C)]
- “Feminist Research” video submitted by Shannon Lane
Appendix C: Supplemental Readings


