Researching Sensitive Topics

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Description
Cults, child abuse, AIDS, governmental policies, marital rape--increasingly social scientists are called upon to research topics that are "sensitive" in the sense that they deal with behavior that is intimate, discreditable, or incriminating. Such topics pose not only difficult technical problems, but also include wider issues regarding the ethics and politics of research which are most clearly seen on sensitive topics. Yet, to date, no resource has existed which effectively guides researchers in conducting sensitive research--until now. Researching Sensitive Topics acquaints researchers with the tools and experiences of colleagues on how to conduct such research. A team of distinguished researchers from a variety of disciplines (psychology, sociology, public health, nursing, anthropology, and public policy) explores such issues as cross-cultural research, disclosure and the dissemination of research findings, feminist methodologies, and self-censorship.

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Dealing with sensitive topics in surveys becomes increasingly important. Some best practices on how to deal with these issues.  Skip the sensitive question. However, mostly, closed questions are mandatory in online surveys. As they can't skip the question there is a distinct possibility that respondents will leave the survey altogether.