Concluding Comments and References

The different terminology and separate literatures used when assessing the trust and applicability of quantitative and qualitative research findings creates barriers to holistic and practical understanding of strategies for assessing and supporting research validity. The organizing structure I present is an attempt to bridge the literatures by focusing on knowledge claims and strategies instead of paradigms and philosophies. In addition, for some time, I have questioned why researchers do not consider using “stereotypical” qualitative strategies for supporting trust and applicability in quantitative research. We can learn a lot by stepping across the quantitative-qualitative divide and reflecting on the best ways to support trust and applicability given study purpose, questions, and context.

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