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Research Process in Social Sciences

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What is Research?



- Finding something new
- Increasing knowledge
- Search for new knowledge
- Effort to gain knowledge
- Systematic search for pertinent information
- Searching for facts
- Technique of thinking
- Process of knowledge construction
- Scientific investigation
- Finding solution of a problem

Definitions

- Redman and Mory, “Systematized effort to gain new knowledge”
- P.M. Cook, “Research is an honest, exhaustive, intelligent searching for facts and their meanings or implications with reference to a given problem.”
- C.C. Crawford, “Research is simply a systematic and refined technique of thinking, employing specialized tools, instruments and procedures in order to obtain a more adequate solution of a problem.”

Thus the search for knowledge through scientific, objective and systematic method of finding solution to a problem is research.

Why People do Research?



Ideal Considerations

- To gain Knowledge
- To discover new facts and theories
- To verify previous theories
- To identify the cause and effect relationship
- To solve the unsolved and challenging problems
- Curiosity to find out the unknown facts of an event
- To serve the society by solving social problems
- To get joy of doing some creative work

Practical Considerations

- To get a research degree (Doctor of Philosophy) (Ph.D.)
- To get a teaching position in a college or university
- To become a social scientist in a research institution

How Research is done?







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