

A Hesitant Donor
or
The Requirements for a Successful
Donation

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Be clear about what you are doing and why

- Where do I aim at as a researcher?
 - Immediate personal gain
 - Solidarity and later fame

Foresight and planning ahead!

What do I promise to my respondents?

Pitfalls in release forms and information given:

- "Confidentiality"
 - The use of research assistants for transliteration, coding, anonymisation?
 - Reporting of the results?
- "Only for this research project"
 - Data must be destroyed!
- "Only for research and teaching"
 - Outreach, documentaries, art work?

Foresight and planning!
Appropriate release forms

Informed consent negotiated with respondents

- A sensitive subject matter
 - What is sensitive for the respondent/others?
 - For how long?
- Questions of anonymity and naming
 - No names = anonymity?
 - 15 minutes of fame?

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Appropriate release forms
Collaborative respondents

Questions of anonymisation

- The level of anonymisation?
 - Names
 - Details
 - Faces
- Who has the resources to accomplish anonymisation?
 - The researcher herself
 - The respondent
 - An archive will do it for you

Foresight and planning!

Appropriate release forms

Collaborative respondents

Trustworthy and helpful archives

Researcher's ego

- Knowledge is power
 - The only person with access to the data
- Over-identification
 - “This is my child”
 - “I will do yet another analysis based on my data”
- Feelings of inadequacy
 - Feeling exposed

Let's negotiate!

- Useful for others as a valuable gift
- Would strengthen that particular field of study
- Will secure your later fame ;-)

- Be persistent, don't give up!

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Overcoming researcher's ego issues

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