

SOC 230 SAMPLE FINAL EXAM QUESTION

In a class discussion session in her Research Methods class, Cynthia Metatheory asserts that research as usual (that is, quantitative research and/or western academic qualitative research) is unacceptable because it does not work for Indigenous communities. She instead suggested Indigenous Research Methodologies as a relevant alternative. Why wouldn't the above mainstream methodologies work for Indigenous communities? Relate your answer to the Indigenous research paradigm with a special emphasis on choosing research topic, deciding the vision/philosophy/theory to guide the research, developing research statement, formulating research questions and hypothesis/thesis, adopting research designs and techniques as well as deciding the importance of the research facilitator's human factor competency.