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Posted: **Thu Apr 21, 2016 8:23 am**
by **hillelsoifer**
Colleagues, I'm beginning to wonder whether this conversation is as truly deliberative as it might be. Where are the voices in support of DA-RT? I should state for the record that I am on the fence about DA-RT and more supportive than most on here, but my main motive in posting this is that we would all benefit, no matter our viewpoint, from a true exchange of ideas rather than a simmering of discontent. If this conversation is really to produce a deliberation about this initiative, it should not be an echo chamber of opponents but a site of constructive engagement across this intellectual divide. What can we do to foster that exchange, which I don't see taking place based on having read nearly all of the posts so far?

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Posted: **Thu Apr 21, 2016 1:56 pm**
by **AlanJacobs**
Thanks for this comment and query, Hillel. We are extremely keen to generate the kind of diversity of perspectives that you're asking for. This is critical to making this a successful consultative, agenda-setting process.

We are doing all we can think of to raise the visibility of this process across a wide variety of research communities -- e.g., via organized section and other email lists, the APSA newsletter, PSNow, personal outreach -- but we are eager for help and other ideas. One way people can help is by pointing to the site and encouraging participation on Facebook and other social media. If you have ideas about how we can do more, please drop us a note. (You can send a message through the Contact form.)

It's also worth noting that we are not particularly looking for a debate between pro- and anti-DA-RT views as such (which I know is not what Hillel was calling for either). While we have to talk some about DA-RT as an important rule-making regime in this domain, the QTD is not primarily envisioned as a debate over DA-RT *per se*, and its outcome is not intended to be an up-or-down verdict on DA-RT. The QTD is, rather, intended to be a substantive discussion of the meaning, benefits, costs, and practicalities of transparency in different forms of qualitative research. What does transparency within for different logics of qualitative inquiry? What are useful methods of realizing transparency for different qualitative research approaches? What are the costs of different transparency practices? When are those costs higher or lower, and how might those costs be

managed? When are the benefits of particular kinds of transparency greater or lesser? And so on....

Re: Where are the DA-RT supporters?

Posted: **Sun Apr 24, 2016 2:23 pm**
by **JFox**
Thanks Hillel, good question. One possible explanation might be that most advocates of DA-RT have concluded that they already had their deliberative process, which was the basis for their decision (clearly before the implications became clear to most qualitative scholars).

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