

VIDEO ETHNOGRAPHY

AN APPROACH TO COLLECTING, ARCHIVING, AND SHARING DATA AND RESULTS

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Introduction



- Distortion almost always occurs in data interpretation and research reporting
 - Possible misrepresentation makes information consumers skeptical of qualitative research

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- Researcher credibility may be challenged when reporting narrative data
 - Need to address stakeholders' doubts regarding qualitative reporting

Conceptual Framework



- Video ethnography (Pink, 2001)
 - Mechanism to collect, archive, and share qualitative data and results that is more understandable, relatable, and transparent to lay-consumers

Purpose and Objectives



- Develop in-depth, data-driven personas of consumers of rodeo entertainment
- Describe attendees' experience at Rodeo Austin

Rodeo Austin: A Case Study



What types of people go to the rodeo

- Who are the consumers (attendees) of Rodeo Austin?
- Work life, home life, family life

A day at the rodeo

• What are their activities before, during, and after attending the rodeo?

After the rodeo

- What did the like or dislike?
- What were the opportunities for improvement?

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- Five purposively selected people to participate in pre-, during-, and post-rodeo interviews
- 70 on-site interviews
 - More than 100 hours of video

Procedures



- 4 sets of videos per person or group
 - 1. At home (video diary)
 - 2. On the way to the rodeo (video diary)
 - 3. Throughout the day at the rodeo (onsite interviews with student researchers)
 - 4. Follow up interviews (video diary)

Procedures



- General concepts in each video series
 - Setting expectations
 - Video series
 - Time commitment
 - Basic recording tips
 - Bullet point questions
 - Directed by research questions

Results



- Seven personas were developed
- Findings were presented to the client using a Wix website
- Developed consumer profiles
 - One-page description
 - Fictitious Facebook accounts and activities
 - Private website for results and videos
 - Summary videos

Results



Conclusions



- Presented summary findings to executive board
 - Findings presented using:
 - Facebook
 - Website
 - One-page descriptions

Implications



- Enables researchers to have prolonged, semi-unobtrusive contact with subjects
- Multiple modes of presenting findings
- Stakeholders can review videos
- Video data are less likely to be seen as misinterpreted or skewed

Recommendations



- Establish contact with subjects early
- Maintain frequent contact throughout duration of project
 - To establish and maintain rapport, contact should go beyond beginning and end
- Use Google Drive to save and share files



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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?