

Reflective questions

What effect do you think having a researcher present in an online community might make (if any)? How might this be different to the effects of a researcher's presence in an actual ethnography or observational study?

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How far do you agree that some sort of assessment, however superficial, is better than no assessment at all?

Can you think of an example from your own community of practices or taken-for-granted beliefs that might mislead a visiting ethnographer who had not had time to learn the 'insider' view?