

An Anti-Racist Statistician's Guide to QuantCrit Principles

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QuantCrit research has identified 5 principles that are explicitly derived from Critical Race Theory to guide the interpretation and use of quantitative data.

The Centrality of Racism

PRINCIPLE

1

Interrogate the collection, analysis, & representation of statistical material for likely bias in favor of the racial status quo



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Numbers are Not Neutral

2

Examine behind the numbers to understand how findings have been generated & identify the racist logics that may have shaped conclusions



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3

Categories are Neither 'Natural' nor Given: For 'Race' Read 'Racism'

Automatically replace terms like 'race' & 'ethnic origin' with the couplet 'race/racism'



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4

Voice & Insight: Data Cannot 'Speak for Itself'

Foreground the insights, knowledge, & understandings of people of color and other 'outsider' groups to inform research, analyses, and critique



Social Justice/Equity Orientation

PRINCIPLE

5

Provide more insightful, sensitive, & useful research that adds a quantitative dimension to anti-oppressive praxis

