

Reflexivity

Sociology

Accounting for the researcher as part of the instrument, without making it the subject.

Not confession. An account of how the data came to look like this.

What shapes the data

Who let you in, and who that closed off.

How participants read your class or age.

The questions your training makes obvious.

What a funder needs the study to find.

Which language the fieldwork ran in.

What to write

State the position, then its likely effect.

Name the accounts you could not obtain.

Show the negative cases you kept.

Distinguish your reading from their words.

Say what would have changed your conclusion.

Standpoint theory goes further: position is not only a bias to declare but a vantage that makes some things visible.