**Checklist: Are Mixed Methods Right for My Research Question?**

Here are five things to ask yourself when deciding if you should use mixed methods.

* **Would my knowledge claims be stronger if I can “triangulate”?**
* **Can I move from quantitative exploration to qualitative interpretation?**
* **Can I move from qualitative exploration to the construction of:**
* either generalizations through quantitative exploration
* *or* the construction of quantitatively founded causal statements?
* **Will I be able to use the data generated by different methods in synthesizing a coherent overall understanding of the issue(s) I am going to investigate?**
* **Will I use methods:**
* in sequence?
* simultaneously?
* both?

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