

## **Abstract**

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**Topics: Ethical Consultation to researchers in social and behavioral sciences**

**More and more inquiries have been received in my office in terms of ethical nature of social and behavioral research in Taiwan. Most of the research in social and behavioral investigations are carried out either through questionnaires or face-to-face interviews. Some survey questions are sensitive, some even containing very private matter such as love-making pattern. Some researchers will ask for comment on their questions before actually going out to do their survey. This request for comment and suggestion of revising the questions, in reality, is a form of consultation. It may proceed only on paper such as written comment while others will come in person to discuss the content of the survey and check the ethicalness of their approaches.**

**This presentation will suggest that ethical consultation must be sought in social and behavioral research projects before hand to assure the ethicality of the survey so that human subjects are protected to avoid any violation of confidentiality or privacy invasion. Examples will be brought up for discussions that risk the danger of breach of privacy in this presentation. In conclusion, this presentation will also discuss some principles that social behavioral research must observed in their researches.**

**Key words:**

**Consultation. Social behavioral research. Human subject protection.**