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**Non-Participant Observation Project**

**You need to go to some public or semi-public place in which there will be a variety of people to observe. Some examples of public places: parks, transportation centers, civic centers, public markets, downtowns, campuses, squares, waterfronts. Some examples of semi-public places: malls, a large restaurant; a bowling alley when busy; a particular area in a hospital; a special event (fair, festival); a team workout.**

**There are two main objectives for this project. The first is to observe human behavior in its natural environment. The second is to train yourself to see as many concrete behaviors as you can without filtering them through any interpretive process. For example: “woman smiled and tilted head” is concrete; “woman flirting” is interpretive. You will discover that this is very difficult to do.**

**Use this handout to organize the data in your field exercise, recording the following information, as detailed and as carefully as possible.**

**You need to observe for 35 minutes! You must record every minute! See just how interesting, difficult, and fun observing behavior can be.**

**Example:**

**9:00 saw tall middle aged woman with brown hair and red shirt check phone and move towards door quickly  
9:01 brown haired woman stops lets blond young man in short and tee shirt come in the door**

**Record every minute of your 35 minutes here like the above example:**

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Date of Observation:**

**Field location:**

**Behavior you expected to see:**

**Number of people observed (total):**

**Weather:**

**Initial thoughts and feelings as you begin the observation:**

**Spatial arrangement of the location: (create a sketch/floor plan) below:**

**Overall emotional tone of the environment:**

**Nonverbal behavior noted (provide examples):**

**Verbal interactions noted (describe):**

**Any observable deviance? (Rule-breaking behavior):**