Being Self-Reflexive While Interviewing Brainstorming Worksheet

1. Write down obvious physical traits, demographics, markers, etc. that participants might see or notice about you during an interview.
a. Consider asking a friend, peer, or research partner to expand on your list because sometimes we don't recognize things about ourselves that might be obvious to others.
b. Consider how in-person interviews will differ from online/telephone interviews and video-chat interviews (e.g., Zoom or Skype). Reflect.
2. Reflect on other qualities/characteristics of yourself and your interviewing style that will become visible during the interview process (e.g., nonverbals, pitch/vocal variety, rate of speech, demeanor, etc.).
a. How might these impact the <i>process</i> of an interview?
3. How might the traits and qualities that you noted above impact and influence the <i>outcome(s)</i> of an interview?
a. How might they impact and influence the data you obtained?
b. How might they impact and influence your relationship with participants?
c. Consider how you might report this information in a research report/article. (If you would <i>not</i> report this information to your readers, consider why you would not).

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4. Now, use your interview guide to practice your interviewing skills with a friend or peer. During this exercise, ask your friend/peer to take notes about what they notice about you and your interviewing style. At the end of this practice trial, have your friend/peer share their constructive feedback with you. Use their feedback to make adjustments to your interviewing approach and consider the impact this may have on your data, participants, outcomes, etc.

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