

CITING AND REFERENCING EMPIRICAL MATERIAL

Citing publicly available empirical research material

Any empirical research material that is publicly retrievable must have an entry in the reference list.

This includes, for example, articles quoted for a discourse analysis, or social media posts from public accounts.

These references must contain the full information that any other reference contains, and they should adhere to APA guidelines.

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Citing research participants

Quotations from research participants that are not publicly retrievable do not need to be included in the reference list. State in the text who gave the quotation (using descriptors rather than names if anonymity is required), and use parentheses to include any additional relevant information, such as age, job, and so forth. Treat these in a similar way as regular citations – that is, if there is information (e.g., the name) provided in the sentence immediately preceding the citation, then it does not need to be included in the parenthetical citation).

- [Read APA guidelines for citing personal communications](#)
- [Read APA guidelines for quoting research participants](#)

You may choose to include a table presenting your sources, for example, interview respondents (see Table 1), then you may choose to simplify in-text citations, for example “(male, 40, Gothenburg)” or “(male, freelance)”, depending on the relevant information.

Table 1 Characteristics of interview participants

Gender	Age	City of interview	Origin	Occupational Status	Day of interview (2021)
male	40	Gothenburg	Sweden	Freelance	1 Jan.
male	20	Oslo	Argentina	Tech company	10 Jan.
female	38	Malmö	India	Freelance	12 Jan.
male	37	Malmö	USA	Tech Student	19 Jan.
female	52	Oslo	Norway	Consultant	3 Mar.
female	305	Gothenburg	Mexico	Freelance	17 Mar.

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