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Abstract Title

Investigating the Transformative Impacts of Digital Storytelling (DST) on Digital Story Creators: A Scoping Review Protocol

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Background

Background/Introduction: Digital storytelling (DST) is a research method in which participants create 3–5-minute multimedia videos depicting their personal experiences. Although DST is often used in data collection and knowledge translation, evaluation data suggests that DST has meaningful personal and interpersonal impacts aligned with transformative research. However, the nature and extent of these impacts is not well understood.

Objective

This scoping review will map the breadth of transformative impacts experienced by adult digital story (DS) creators.

Methods

The review uses the Arksey & O'Malley (2005) framework, with Levac et al. (2010)'s recommendations excluding a formal consultation with stakeholders. The following stages are complete: (1) Identify the research question; and (2) identify relevant studies via inclusion criteria. Included articles will report the transformative impacts of DST on adult DS creators, (18 +) or adults will make up over 50% of their sample, and be empirical studies of any design, published in English after 1980. Currently, the review is in stage 3 (study selection) and the search strategy uses terms associated with DST, introspection, personal, and interpersonal changes. These databases will be searched MEDLINE, PsycINFO, Embase, Web of Science Core Collection, Sociological abstracts, and Scopus. After which (4) Data charting, and (5) Summarizing and reporting of results will be completed. The review's reporting will be guided by the PRISMA-ScR.

Results

To date, 1,709 articles have been retrieved from PsycINFO, with search strategy translation underway for the remaining databases. Deduplication will be conducted soon using Covidence, plus, manual checks by dual screeners to remove outstanding duplicates.

Conclusion

By outlining the transformative impacts that occur from DS creation, we will significantly expand knowledge of DST's benefits and ensure that the value of DST is not measured solely by its translational abilities, but also, by the meaningful personal and interpersonal impacts.