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Problem. Action Research

- Coined by Kurt Lewin
- field of social psychology, industrial/organisational psychology and education show interest in AR
- AR is one where immediate, and urgent application is done rather than development of theory or generalization of application.
- Here researchers give emphasis on those problems which originate in local settings.
- its findings evaluate in terms of local applicability and to not universal validity.
- It follows 2 traditions :-
 - * British tradition tends to view AR as simply a means of improvement & advancement of practice
 - * American tradition view AR as a systematic collection of data that in a way, provides for social change

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- An action research treats knowledge as a form of power and tends to abolish the barrier between research and social action.

- Researcher assumes that knowledge comes from experience.

- He also assumes that people can become aware of conditions and learn to take actions for ~~to~~ bringing about improvement.

= Characteristics

* Incorporates ordinary and popular knowledge.

* Aims to focus on empowerment. Such researchers try to equalize power relationship between participants and themselves and avoid having more power, control and authority than participants.

* It is directly to the actions.

Goal of AR is to improve the conditions of and lives of the participants, publishing it in terms of

articles and ~~too~~ books which become secondary matter

participants also play active role in designing, formulating and carrying out research ~~as well as research~~ also ~~tries~~ to

— AR is collective self-reflective, rationally and justice of their own practices as well as their understanding of these practices \Rightarrow satisfactorily

— AR has a philosophical element (concerned with the ^{know} of doing or acting in K), political element (focus is on the pol. asp), critical social element (focus of empowerment of participants).