

## **Obtaining Accurate Information**

There are many reasons why a participant of a different culture may not provide you with accurate information. It is important to consider each of these points and identify ways that you can address each in your work and research.

-Lack of trust.

-May be unfamiliar with standardized questions, multiple response options, rating scales, or "skip to" item designations.

-May be wary of researchers misusing information. If conducting research, explain that sensitive information will not be reported at the individual level; only group data will be reported and it cannot be traced back to him or her.

-May perceive research as a form of exploitation in which non-minority individuals reap the benefits. Emphasize the importance and value to the community of the data to be collected and how it will help.

-May be concerned about being used as a "guinea pig" in research.

-May believe that only minorities should study minority populations.