



Relational Dialectics Theory

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Reminders and Overview

- 2 forms- use the 2011 version from Baxter
- Assumption: Meaning is made in the competition of **discourses**.
 - Discourses: *A system of meaning; an ideology, or a set of interrelated ideas.*
- 5 Steps
 - Identify a semantic object
 - Select a text
 - Identify the discourses
 - Examine the discursive interplay
 - Challenge assumptions and fixed meanings

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- Not a conducted study- More of a white paper
- The military is changing
 - Why?
- “Normative” military family
 - What do you think this is?
- If they used this information, they could better shape military policy and how service members are treated in and out of the service

4. Examine the Discourse Interplay

- *dominant (centripetal)*
 - What is it?
- *marginalized (centrifugal)*
 - What is it?
- Let's do some topics, and analyze what would be the dominant and marginalized opinions for these military issues

Mental Health Care

Dominant

Marginalized

Child Care

Dominant

Marginalized

Any other topics?

Dominant

Marginalized

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