

Back to the Basics: The Tenets and Procedures of Classic Theory

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1. Is there a relationship between complexity theory methodology and classic GT methodology?

There is no relationships between complexity theory methodology and classic GT methodology. However, contrasts and similarities would make an interesting discussion, particularly with a grounded theory with a high reliance on a basic social-structural component.

2. Can you elaborate more on the concept of prediction and how it fits into Glaser's idea about the sort of theory that GT products?

As with any research method, a grounded theory has the power to predict behavior only insofar as the contexts and participants are similar. As humans, we learn to identify patterns that can help us predict others' behavior. Grounded theory moves that one step further--into the conceptual domain. A formal grounded theory, while more abstract, has the power to make more generalizable predictions. Glaser spoke often about how grounded theories serve as tools for explanation and prediction, but not verification.