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Demanding criminal justice reform through digital mobilization: is #MeToo a Rights of Victims Movement?

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Methodology

Qualitative
content
analysis



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- Findings
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The aim of
this research

- The research aims to elucidate the link between #MeToo movement and the Rights of Victims Movement with respect to the criminal justice responses to sexual violence
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Current focus in research

- **The extent to which the #MeToo shed light on sexual abuses**
- **The responses spark by #MeToo to institutional sexual abuses**
- **How #MeToo breaks the culture of silence around sexual violence**
- **Reforms needed to end workplace sexual violence**
- **The impact of #MeToo on wrongful dismissal and reputation of alleged offenders**
- **The difficulties of courts to adequately respond to sexual violence**

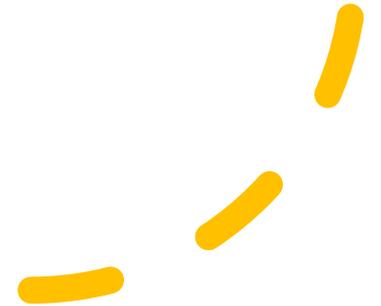
The research gap

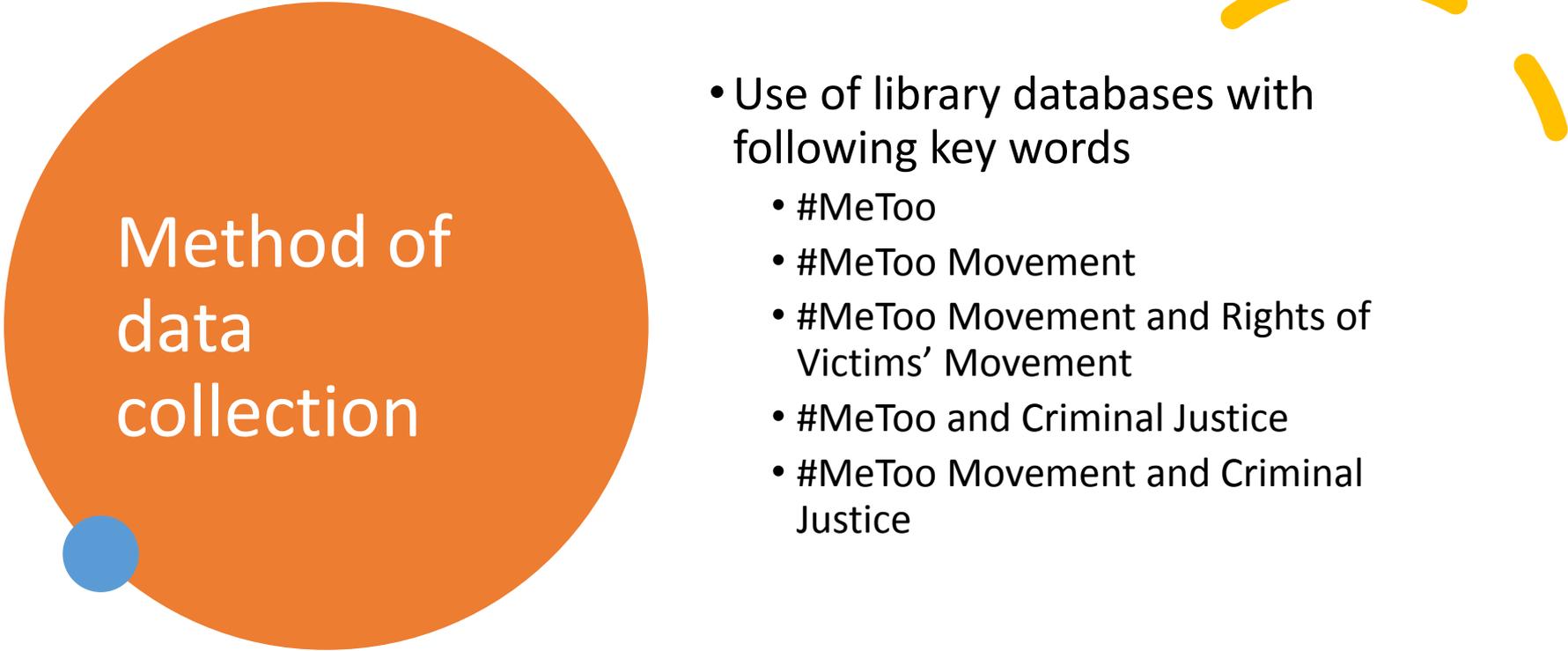
- **What does #MeToo tell us about the failure of the past Rights of Victims' Movement with respect to the criminal justice system responses to sexual violence?**
 - **There is the need to know what went wrong to find appropriate solutions**
 - **What is being claimed by the victims of sexual violence that the 1980s reforms did not achieve?**
 - **Can #MeToo be conceived as something else than a Rights of Victims' Movement?**
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Sample and analysis unit

- **Media and blog coverage of #MeToo Movement from 2017 today**





Method of data collection

- Use of library databases with following key words
 - #MeToo
 - #MeToo Movement
 - #MeToo Movement and Rights of Victims' Movement
 - #MeToo and Criminal Justice
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Method of data analysis

- Qualitative content analysis
 - Appropriate in social science research (Bengtsson, 2016)
 - Two type of qualitative content analysis
 - Manifest analysis: what the informant says
 - **Latent analysis**: what the text is talking about (underlying meaning): (Berg, 2001)



Preliminary findings

#MeToo isn't only a Rights of Victims' Movement. It's also a human rights movement

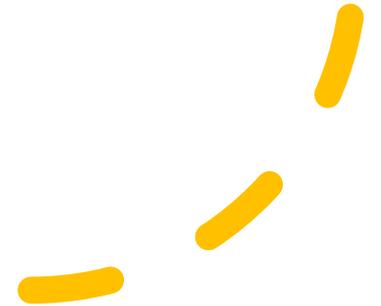


As a Rights of Victims' Movement

- #MeToo continues to challenge the criminal justice system
 - To demand accountability of sexual violence offenders and the structural conditions that enable those violence to continue
 - To demand that the Rights of Victims in the criminal justice system be enforced

As a human rights movement

- #MeToo demands the breaking of the culture of silence around sexual violence
 - Freedom of expression
 - Acknowledgement of the victims
 - Unfair treatment of the offenders is not intended



As human rights movement

- #MeToo Victims act to defend their right to speak out
 - Defendants in defamation cases
 - Complainants in defamation cases



Concluding remarks

Before designing solutions for victims of sexual violence, know what they are aiming at!

Responses to #MeToo

Government responses

Workplace responses

- *But will they bring the systematic long-term change needed to convince victims to resort to formal processes and protocols instead of online social medias?*

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