

In general, I think the approach of doing qualitative research for this subject was a good choice. Numbers are less relevant than in-depth opinions, historical facts and experiences. Although, it is dangerous to only trust on subjective information for a research report. I could have used more methods to validate the information that I gained. I address some very important ones here.

In order to make my research more valid, it would have been better to do more (relevant) interviews. I now interviewed two people, one from each discipline: graffiti and street art. When you have more opinions, you can form a better picture of the whole because it is more representative. In addition to that, asking more Germans or Berliners would have been better. The people that I interviewed were both not from Berlin. Maybe the Wall would still be a bigger issue to people who are originally from Germany, than the foreigners that I interviewed could know. The fact that it was hard to find these German or Berlin artists since there are so many international urban artists in Berlin, is saying something. I could have looked into that more as well, but I didn't.

Secondly, I gained a lot of information from the guided tour I took in Berlin at the beginning of my field research. My report would have been more valid if I would have checked the information more than I gained from there by doing some desk research. By doing this, I would be certain that the information that I am presenting is correct. I did this partly now, but it would have been better if I presented more articles that confirmed or argued the information of the tour. Now I just assumed that it was true, and it is always better to be critical and check one source with a different one.

Lastly, it would have been good to have looked more at numbers during my research. I did a lot of qualitative research but some hard facts make your case less subjective. The information I use, are mostly based on opinions of others and myself and historical facts. That is suitable for this subject but using my own observations for the most part, is not representative enough. I could for example have looked at numbers about urban art and what the government spends on it to clean it or oppress it. Did that rise in the time span that I write about? How did the budget evolve before and after the fall of the Wall?