As federal funding for social science continues to lag behind other fields of science, and with institutions and funders increasingly calling for collaborative research, where are social science methods headed in the 21st century? There are encouraging signals, such as emerging synergies between data scientists and social scientists to utilize big data to understand societal trends, the recent movement in mixed methods research, and efforts, even here on campus, to bring together network scientists and social network analysts. Still, challenges persist. Many scholars remain in their disciplinary silos and the perennial, so-called qual/quant war lingers. Russ Bernard reflects on his 50+ years in the social sciences and discusses future directions for social science research methods.

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