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Disadvantages

- hard to draw definite cause-effect conclusions
- hard to generalize
- possible biases in data collection and interpretation
 - single person gathers and analyzes information



History:

The fields of sociology and anthropology are given credit for molding what we call the case study today.

The clinical methods of doctors, the casework technique being developed by social workers, reporters, and novelists have also contributed to what we call the case study.