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Exploring the Nonrational in Leadership through Critical Ritual Critique

The purpose of this paper is to explore the nonrational aspects of leadership through a critical qualitative methodology coined Òritual critiqueÓ by Quantz (2011). While most educators and leaders tend to focus on the rational practices, it is argued that the real work of leadership occurs in the nonrational areas that we rarely think about or plan. Rituals can work either to maintain solidarity and the status quo by reinforcing the power of the elite or to promote transformation. Therefore, understanding rituals and ritual critique can be most helpful because they can illuminate the way in which power is institutionalized into the nonrational practices of education as well as uncover the covert processes that marginalize groups of people and ideas. An example of a ritual critique will be shared that exposes the rituals used by higher education administrators to privilege certain forms of knowledge, research, and scholarship.