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## Discourse analysis and Foucault's “Archaeology of knowledge”

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**ABSTRACT:** Discourse analysis is a method with up to now was less recognized in nursing science, although more recently nursing scientists are discovering it for their purposes. However, several authors have criticized that discourse analysis is often misinterpreted because of a lack of understanding of its theoretical backgrounds. In this article, I reconstruct Foucault's writings in his “Archaeology of Knowledge” to provide a theoretical base for future archaeological discourse analysis, which can be categorized as a socio-linguistic discourse analysis.

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