

Three things I've learned:

1. It's important to verify my understanding about the research with the real clients. In addition, there are other things I should be aware of: client's expectation, research environment, time and money constraints, as well as statistical sophistication.
2. There are 5 most assumed roles of consultants: helper, leader, data-blesser, collaborator, and teacher.
3. Consultants should be aware of the pitfall in the leader role, especially when the clients are not clear about their research questions.

Three questions:

1. Does a consultant always stay in one role, or in a mixture of roles?
2. When working with a client that has different statistical backgrounds, what should I do if the client keep asking questions about my work?
3. The data-blesser seems to be inevitable at some point, even though there might be some policy written ahead, the consultant's still loses creditability. What should we do if it really happens?