

Protocol 4 – Existing data> Social Media

DATA COLLECTION

1. The data are collected through shared online platforms ("social media") that allow users to upload (e.g. post) their own content

ANONIMIZATION

2. The collected data are anonymous, no username or other personal information is recorded

3. Only the content of the posts itself are scraped

4. The aim of the research project is to study the nature of the content of the posts

CONSENT

5. According to the applicable terms and conditions of the platforms I am allowed to use the data for scientific research (*Please upload a copy of the relevant terms and conditions of the platforms showing you are allowed to use the data for scientific research)

6. I have ascertained that the data I intend to access is really public (which means that the posts are published in a public environment and not in a closed platform where users are informed and asked consent to have their data collected)

7. Sometimes Individuals know or could know their posts are being observed by the public (public platforms that allow researchers to collect data)

Individuals know that I collect data

8. My use of the posts is compliant with user's reasonable expectation of privacy

9. I don't collect more data than necessary for the research purpose

VULNERABLE POPULATION

11. I do not collect data from platforms that have specific vulnerable user groups (e.g., incapacitated, children, mentally challenged, traumatized, pregnant)

INVASIVENESS OF THE STUDY

12. The subject of the study is not invasive (e.g., own or others' sexual activity, hard drug use, suicide thoughts, religious belief, political preference)

13. The content of the posts do not contain sensitive data

14. The content of the posts do not contain data of a personal nature

15. Individuals cannot be harmed by exposing their (anonymous) data in publications.