Certificate of appreciation

To whom it may concern,

The CoronaNet Research Project recognises **Natalia Filkina-Spreizer** for the outstanding contribution as a Research Assistant (RA). We appreciate the dedication and marvellous effort in volunteering for the project. Natalia Filkina-Spreizer worked from April 02 2020 to Mai 12 2020 for the project. Natalia Filkina-Spreizer coded and updated policies for Russia and without this support, we wouldn't have collected more than 14.000 entries within a month.

CoronaNet Research Project compiles a database on government responses to the COVID-19 crises. The primary objective is to collect as much information as possible about the diverse actions governments are taking to contain the coronavirus. This includes not only gathering information about which governments are responding to the coronavirus, but who they are targeting the policies toward (e.g. other countries), how they are doing it (e.g. travel restrictions, banning exports of masks) and when they are doing it. Together with over 250 political, social and public health science scholars from all over the world, CoronaNet presents an initial release of a comprehensive hand-coded dataset of more than 14,000 separate policy announcements from governments around the world visible since December 31st 2019. For more information, see www.coronanet-project.org.

Natalia Filkina-Spreizer collected an amazing amount of policies and became a country expert for Russia. This role involved collecting and entering government policies related to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. It involved classifying government policies in a Qualtrics database by coding an online survey and following procedures outlined in the Codebook.

- Data validation: This role involved re-coding data previously collected by other RAs. The RA reentered the data without seeing prior entries. If the new entries matched the original data, then the data is considered accurate. If not, then the data needs to be rechecked by a third RA for resolution of errors. This task requires high expertise in coding and knwoledge of the codebook

- Data cleaning: This role required the RA to use R-Studio in order to clean errors that were detected in the policy entries. The RA then checked the data for errors and fixed it in the Qualtrics survey. This role involved performing repetitive tasks over a long period with high accuracy.

Natalia Filkina-Spreizer has invested everything possible to support not only the project but also collecting a dataset that supports policy makers and scientists in real-time. We appreciate this exceptional solidarity and thank Natalia Filkina-Spreizer for being part of this project.

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