What information do we collect?

We collect names, emails and negative thoughts input into the application. We also collect the reformulations provided by workers at Amazon's Mechanical Turk and user ratings of the quality of those reformulations. Individual users cannot see the negative thoughts of other users, or the ratings of the positive reformulations. All data is kept behind x500 credentials according to the University of Minnesota's IRB policy on human subjects research.

How do you use the information?

We will use email addresses to send study participants notifications that their reformulation tasks have been completed by Mechanical Turk and are ready for review in the application. We will use the information collected in the study to build algorithms and statistical models to learn if and to what level of granularity we can predict the rating that a users might give new reformulations. We are conducting this research to inform the design of future mental health related technologies and to add to the literature in the field of automated online content moderation. After the study has been run and all of the data has been collected, all identifying information will be anonymized according to standard practice.

What information do you share?

We will not share any user information with any third parties. We will however write a paper on the findings of the study as well as a lay accessible article for any interested study participants.