

## Outline of the short paper on security

- Brief abstract/ executive summary
- Introduction - why we're doing this research and how we've done it so far (texts and conversations with local media people)
  - A note about journalists as culture and the dearth of anthropological research on journalistic culture in Central Europe
- Some observations about digital security for journalists in the region
  - Very few digital security guides target journalists in particular; even fewer have been localised
  - Central Europe has a different, more nihilistic, approach to surveillance than other regions do
  - Digital security is usually grouped together with other digital skills—like research, OSINT, etc. It's about grokking technology in general that's the issue. Many comments I've heard was about how journalists were even unable to do basic verification of Twitter accounts, let alone security
  - Some of the trends that exist in other regions are also apparent in this one: a lack of newsroom technologists, journalists aren't that interested in security, security seems often mandated by sources
  - Your beat will often determine your security posture —> this is something we've seen both in the readings and in conversations with people and which happens both in Central Europe and elsewhere
  - One of the interesting things is that harassment was mentioned quite rarely, even if it is a very frequent fact of life among many journalists. This might be in part because it's been seen as unavoidable. Few interviewees touched upon the topic of harassment but several mentioned how journalists leave behind many breadcrumbs which could leave them open to doxxing and worse
  - SecureDrop installs: 2 in CZ, 1 in SK, etc.
- Conclusions, things we should emphasise in our trainings
  - Frame security as:
    - Something that will help journalists do their job better, get more trust from sources, etc.
    - A workflow, not just a single step. Here, we can also emphasise OrgSec
    - Something accessible to everybody, not just hardcore investigative journalists or really technical people

- A dynamic that happens on a community level as much as on an individual one