Comments slides for Thursday, November 19: Privacy and ethics, part 2

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- ▶ One of the hardest part of this paper is getting access to the data and code.

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- ▶ P.S. Interested in understanding how these systems impact practice: check out Simone Zhang's dissertation

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