

# Online Social Networks

Hi there, thank you for participating in our research about Online Social Networks (OSNs).

This research is executed as part of a research collaboration between **anonymous researchers**. All data and inputs collected will be used anonymously and solely for scientific research.

The survey will take around 5 minutes.

In case of questions, feel free to contact **anonymous emails**.

*\* Indica una domanda obbligatoria*

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1. Do you consent to participate in this survey and to the anonymous use of your data *\** and input for scientific purposes?

*Contrassegna solo un ovale.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. We are collecting your data anonymously. Please enter a random identification string in the text box below. In case you would like to drop out and want your data to be deleted in the future, you can send us the identification string and we will delete your data.

Such a string can be anything, e.g. name of your dog, or your favourite number.  
Please choose a string that you can remember.

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## Demographics

3. How old are you? \*

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- ☐ < 30 years
- ☐ 30 - 39 years
- ☐ 40 - 49 years
- ☐ 50 + years
- ☐ Prefer not to say

4. Where do you currently live? \*

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- ☐ Europe
- ☐ North America
- ☐ South America
- ☐ Australia
- ☐ Asia
- ☐ Africa
- ☐ Prefer not to say

5. Which of the following options better describes your current employment status? \*

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- ☐ PhD student
- ☐ Postdoctoral researcher
- ☐ Assistant professor or above
- ☐ Industrial researcher
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Prefer not to say

## Research Background

6. Which OSNs have you used for your research? If your desired OSN is not listed below, please add it manually. \*

*Seleziona tutte le voci applicabili.*

- ☐ X (Twitter)  
☐ Facebook  
☐ Wikipedia  
☐ Flickr  
☐ Instagram  
☐ Blind  
☐ Reddit  
☐ Altro: \_\_\_\_\_

7. How many years have you been doing research on OSNs? \*

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- ☐ < 2 years  
☐ 2 to 5 years  
☐ > 5 years

8. Are you still doing research on OSNs? \*

*Contrassegna solo un ovale.*

- ☐ Yes  
☐ No

## OSN: Data and Reproducibility

9. **Ideal World Scenario:** In an optimal setting, disregarding feasibility constraints (e.g., \* time expenditures, technical implementations), which of the following options would you prioritize when starting a research project on OSNs? Please rank the options below based on your preference.

*Contrassegna solo un ovale per riga.*

	1 (low preference)	2	3	4	5 (high preference)
<b>Use already existing open-source datasets.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Collect new datasets through official APIs.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Collect new datasets through scraping (NOT using the official API).</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Enter into a research collaboration with an OSN.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

10. Real World Scenario: Considering feasibility constraints (e.g., time expenditures, technical implementations), when initiating a research project on OSNs, which of the following options would you prioritize? Please rank the options below based on your preference. \*

*Contrassegna solo un ovale per riga.*

	1 (low preference)	2	3	4	5 (high preference)
<b>Use already existing open-source datasets.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Collect new datasets through official APIs.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Collect new datasets through scraping (NOT using the official API).</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Enter into a research collaboration with an OSN.</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

11. Have you ever entered into a direct research collaboration with any OSN? \*

*Contrassegna solo un ovale.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

12. Do you think that obtaining data for research by directly reaching out to OSN owners/developers is *easy*? \*

*Contrassegna solo un ovale.*

1   2   3   4   5

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Very ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ Very difficult

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13. What is your stance on the degree of reproducibility of OSN research? \*

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☐ I never had to set up any reproducibility study.

☐ Very difficult

☐ Difficult

☐ Neutral

☐ Easy

☐ Very easy

☐ Altro: \_\_\_\_\_

## Outlook

14. Do you think there should be more straightforward processes to enter into research collaborations with OSNs (to make data more easily accessible for researchers)? \*

*Contrassegna solo un ovale.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

15. Do you think that streamlining access to OSN data would improve the state of OSN research (e.g., detection of deep fakes)? \*

*Contrassegna solo un ovale.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

16. Is there anything else you would like to share regarding research on OSNs and the current limitations/important problems/recommendations?

If you are unable to provide additional input at this time, you're welcome to revisit the below form later and add additional thoughts:

<https://forms.gle/ebRirTJBcccuQqrv8>

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