

Abusive content annotation task

Thank you for agreeing to take part in this abusive content annotation task. If you have any questions, please message X. **Please take 15 minutes to read these instructions very carefully.**

We will be **carefully assessing** your work and will only continue to hire people who pay attention and complete the work carefully.

Completing the work - you must follow these instructions

When you start work, let X know and keep track of your progress HERE. You must communicate regularly with X via Upwork.

Google Sheets for each week are in HERE. The sheets will always be in a dedicated folder. For instance, the first day of work is on Friday 23rd September and the folder is called, "Sheets, Friday 23rd September 2022". Your sheets have your names on them. You **must** work from the correct sheet.

You must work from a **desktop or laptop computer**. You are not allowed to complete the task on your phone or other device.

The sheet has formatting and dropdown options which you **must** use at all times. The second tab is called "options" and you must not edit it.

The top rows and the first 5 columns of the sheet are frozen. Do not change it.

Keep the instructions open at all times.

Tasks

Start by reading the text (Column C). It is a social media post and you need to make sense of what is being said. Then fill in the columns for each task. You must put an answer in every relevant column for every entry.

Task 1 (columns D and E) – LANGUAGE

In column D, use the dropdown options to select the language of the entry from: Indonesian, Malay, Singlish, English or Other. If you select “Other” then you need to write out the correct language in column E.

Task 2 (column F) – ATTACK

In column F, select whether the entry contains an attack. The options are “Yes” and “No”.

We define an **attack** as language that directs anger, aggression and maliciousness at an identifiable target. It includes insults, threats, and inciting harm and violence, and being overtly abusive. A range of entities, individuals and groups can be targeted by an attack.

Task 3 (columns G-M) – TARGET OF THE ATTACK

If the entry contains an attack, which you will have identified in Task 2 (column F), you need to select who/what was targeted by the attack. If you have *not* identified an attack in Task 2 then you can move onto the next entry.

Column G

Select “Yes” or “No” for whether a person was attacked.

1. A person can be either directly addressed (e.g. “you are stupid”)
2. OR referred to (e.g. “I hate her, Hilary Clinton is the worst.”)

A specific individual or small number of individuals should be identified, e.g. “I hate him” (1 person) or “I hate those guys, Jonas brothers are terrible” (small group). If the entry refers to “society” in general (e.g. “society today is in decline”), then it is **not** an attack against a person.

Column H

Select “Yes” or “No” for whether the news media has been attacked. This includes journalists, media organisations and the media as a concept.

Column I

Select “Yes” or “No” for whether a protected group has been attacked. A protected group is a group defined by their race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexuality, sexual preference, age, disability status, nationality, and immigration status.

If you select “Yes” in column I then you need to write out the group in column J. If you identify several targets in one entry, then please write them out with commas in alphabetical order, e.g. “Black people, Chinese people, Romanian people”.

Column K

Select “Yes” or “No” for whether an institution or official organisation has been attacked. This includes governments, official bodies, regulators, political bodies and political parties.

If you select “Yes” in column K then you need to write out the institution or official organisation in column L. If you identify several targets in one entry, then please write them out with commas in alphabetical order, e.g. “Ofcom, UK Government, the UN”.

Column M

If any other target has been attacked, write it out in here.

Completion

Once you have completed the sheet, please review all of your answers and check that you are happy with them.