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COUHES Protocol # 1611759458

Study Title FlipFeed: Mitigating Polarization on Social Media

Expiration Date 12/14/2017

The above-referenced protocol has been APPROVED following Full Board Review by the Committee on the Use of Humans as Experimental Subjects (COUHES).

If the research involves collaboration with another institution then the research cannot commence until COUHES receives written notification of approval from the collaborating institution's IRB.

It is the Principal Investigator's responsibility to obtain review and continued approval before the expiration date. Please allow sufficient time for continued approval. You may not continue any research activity beyond the expiration date without COUHES approval. Failure to receive approval for continuation before the expiration date will result in the automatic suspension of the approval of this protocol.

Information collected following suspension is unapproved research and cannot be reported or published as research data. If you do not wish continued approval, please notify the Committee of the study termination.

Adverse Events: Any serious or unexpected adverse event must be reported to COUHES within 48 hours. All other adverse events should be reported in writing within 10 working days.

Amendments: Any changes to the protocol that impact human subjects, including changes in experimental design, equipment, personnel or funding, must be approved by COUHES before they can be initiated.

Prospective new study personnel must, where applicable, complete training in human subjects research and in the HIPAA Privacy Rule before participating in the study.

You must maintain a research file for at least 3 years after completion of the study. This file should include all correspondence with COUHES, original signed consent forms, and study data.

Here is the text we plan to show users and have them explicitly agree to before downloading and installing the browser extension:

"I authorize this extension to collect data on my usage patterns. I understand this data will be used exclusively for research purposes by researchers at the MIT Media Lab, and will never be linkable to my personal identity by anyone outside of the research team."