

Privacy Notice for Research Data

1. Data controller of the research

University of Turku, FI-20014 Turku, Finland

2. Parties involved in research conducted as a collaboration project and division of responsibilities

This is not a collaboration project.

3. Research project leader or responsible group

Responsible group: Kari Liuhto, Saara Kuikka and Hanna Mäkinen, Pan-European Institute, University of Turku, Finland.

4. Contact information of the Data Protection Officer

Contact information of the Data Protection Officer at the University of Turku: dpo@utu.fi

5. Persons conducting research

Saara Kuikka and Hanna Mäkinen, Pan-European Institute, University of Turku, Finland.

6. Contact person in matters related to the research registry

Saara Kuikka, saara.kuikka@utu.fi.

7. Name of the research registry

Social media & societal stability in extraordinary circumstances

8. Purpose of processing personal data

The research subject is Russian anti-war activism in social media. The research project analyses Russia's socioeconomic development after it launched its full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the current situation of opposition-minded and anti-war civil society in Russia and the significance of social media as a platform for social action and activism. The main empirical research material comprises the textual content in Russian opposition-minded and anti-war Telegram channels and public groups, which is analysed with qualitative content analysis.

9. Legal basis for processing personal data

The legal basis for processing personal data is the Article 6 or Article 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation.

The EU General Data Protection Regulation, Article 6 Section 1 (select one basis for processing data for each usage):

- consent of the data subject
- compliance with the data controller's legal obligation

legislation:

X task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller

X scientific of historic research or statistical purposes

archiving research or cultural heritage materials

legitimate interests pursued by the controller or by a third party

which legitimate interest:

Article 9 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation (special categories of personal data):

consent of the data subject

X archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes

10. What categories of personal data the research data includes

The research data is collected with the in-build download tool of Telegram, which allows the collection of the content of the channels and public groups, the public usernames of the Telegram users who have published in them, and the time of publication. Identifying data comprises public usernames of Telegram users that have posted in the channels and groups specified in part 11 of this privacy notice. In addition, it may be possible to identify persons from the messages and other content of the Telegram channels and groups, either directly or indirectly by combining various information. The research data also includes information on the political opinions of Telegram users.

11. Which sources the personal data is collected from

Data is collected from the following Telegram channels and public groups:

Komanda Navalnovo/Команда Навального (<https://t.me/s/teamnavalny>), Vesna/Движение «Весна» (https://t.me/s/vesna_democrat), Avtozak LIVE (<https://t.me/avtozaklive>), Feministskoje Antivojennoje Soprotivlenie/Феминистское Антивоенное Сопротивление (<https://t.me/s/femagainstwar>), Utro fevralja/Утро Февраля (<https://t.me/utrofevralia>), Media Partizany – net vojne/Медиа Партизаны | Нет войне (<https://t.me/mpartisans>), Otkrytyj tšat – net vojne/Открытый чат | Нет войне (<https://t.me/mediapartisanschat>), Protest v Rossii – obštšerossijskij oppozitsionnyj tšat/Протест в России — Общероссийский оппозиционный чат (<https://t.me/RussianOppositionRus>).

12. Transfers or disclosures of data outside the research group

Data is not transferred or disclosed outside the research group.

13. Transfers or disclosures of data outside the EU or the European Economic Area

Data is not transferred outside the EU or EEA.

14. Automated decision-making

Processing does not include automatic decision-making or profiling.

15. Principles of safeguarding personal data

The data is confidential

Basis of confidentiality:

Safeguarding manual data:

The data processed in the information systems is safeguarded with the following measures:

account credentials password registering usage access control

other measure, what:

Processing direct identifiers:

Direct identifiers are erased during anonymisation of data

The data is analysed including the direct identifiers, because (basis for keeping the direct identifiers): Anonymisation of the research data is impossible because of the large number of content and usernames collected from Telegram. Personal data will be stored securely and only persons conducting research will have access to them. The anonymity will be ensured in the research publications by not using quotations and not referring to any Telegram usernames in them.

16. Processing of personal data after the research has ended

The research register is disposed of after all publications resulting from the research project have been published.

The research register is archived without identifiers with identifiers

Where is the data archived in, and for how long:

17. Rights of the data subjects and possible limitations to them

The data subject has a right to cancel the consent they have given if the processing of personal data is based on consent.

The data subject has the right to lodge a complaint with the supervisory authority if the data subject considers that the processing of personal data related to him/her has violated the information security legislation currently valid.

The following rights of the data subject under the EU General Data Protection Regulation will be deviated from in this research for the following parts:

The data subject has the right to inspect their registered data (Article 15).

The data subject has the right to rectification of their data.

The data subject has the right to erasure of their data (Article 17). The right to erasure of data is not applied in scientific or historical research purposes in so far as the right to erasure is likely to render impossible or seriously impair the achievement of the objectives of that processing.

The data subject has a right to restrict the processing of data (Article 18).

The data subject has a right to object the processing of data (Article 21).

18. Right to lodge a complaint

You have a right to lodge a complaint with the Data Protection Ombudsman if you consider that the processing of your personal data has violated the information security legislation currently valid.

Contact details:

Office of the Data Protection Ombudsman

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