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Global Data Ethics Project

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A Community-Engineered Ethical Framework for Practical Application in Your Data Work

We invite you to adopt our community's ethics framework and principles as you apply ethics into your data work. This community-driven, industry agnostic data ethics standard is based on Data for Democracy's grassroots ethical data initiative. Originally called the Community Principles of Ethical Data Sharing, or CPEDS, it is now known as the Global Data Ethics Project. The working groups today contain people who are data practitioners, ethicists, and advocates, and we invite you to join this movement towards applied ethics in our fields.

The FORTS Framework

FAIRNESS
I make a dedicated effort to understand, mitigate and communicate the presence of bias in both data practice and consumption.

OPENNESS
I practice humility and openness. Transparent practices, community engagement, and responsible communications are an integral part of my data ethics practice.

RELIABILITY
I ensure that every effort is made to glean a complete understanding of what is contained within data, where it came from, and how it was created. I also extend this effort for future users of all data and derivative data.

TRUST
I work to build public confidence in data practitioners. I make every effort to use data and algorithms in ways that maximize the informed participation of people around the world.

SOCIAL BENEFIT
I place people before data and am responsible for maximizing social benefit and minimizing harm. I consider the impact of my work on communities of people, other living beings, ecosystems and the world-at-large.

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Join thousands of your peers working to advance a more humane and interference-free data environment.

Global Data Ethics Principles

As data practitioners and data consumers, we aim to:

1 Consider (if not collect) informed and purposeful consent of data subjects for all projects, and discard resulting data when that consent expires.

2 Make best effort to guarantee the security of data, subjects, and algorithms to prevent unauthorized access, policy violations, tampering, or other harm or actions outside the data subjects' consent.

3 Make best effort to protect anonymous data subjects, and any associated data, against any attempts to reverse-engineer, de-anonymize, or otherwise expose confidential information.

4 Practice responsible transparency as the default where possible, throughout the entire data lifecycle.

5 Foster diversity by making efforts to ensure inclusion of participants, representation of viewpoints and communities, and openness. The data community should be open to, welcoming of, and inclusive of people from diverse backgrounds.

6 Acknowledge and mitigate unfair bias throughout all aspects of data work.

7 Hold up datasets with clearly established provenance as the expected norm, rather than the exception.

8 Respect relevant tensions of all stakeholders as it relates to privacy and data ownership.

9 Take great care to communicate responsibly and accessibly.

10 Ensure that all data practitioners take responsibility for exercising ethical imagination in their work, including considering the implication of what came before and what may come after, and actively working to increase benefit and prevent harm to others.

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About Data for Democracy

Data for Democracy is a grassroots organization that helps drive positive change in data science. Our goal is to advance an ethical framework that is adopted by industry and governments worldwide. Please visit **datafordemocracy.org** for more information and to join this project.