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MEMORANDUM

TO: Joseph Reagle
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FROM: Jan Blustein, M.D., Ph.D., Chair *Jan Blustein*
University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects

DATE: May 31, 2007

RE: HS# 5587, "In Good Faith: The Collaborative Culture of Wikipedia"
(SED/Culture and Communication, , *exempt 05/31/2007*)

The above-referenced protocol has been granted exempt status by the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects.

Please note that, where applicable, subjects must sign and must be given a copy (without signature) of the UCAIHS current stamped consent form before the subjects' participation. All data as well as the investigator's copies of the signed consent forms must be retained by the principal investigator for a period of at least three years following the termination of the project. Should you wish to make changes to the Committee-approved procedures, the following materials must be submitted for Committee review and be approved by the Committee prior to being instituted:

- **description of proposed revisions;**
- *if applicable*, any **new or revised materials**, such as recruitment fliers, letters to subjects, or consent documents; and
- *if applicable*, **updated letters of approval from cooperating institutions.**

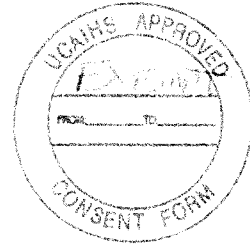
If you have any questions regarding the Committee's requirements, please contact the UCAIHS office at 212-998-4808 or human.subjects@nyu.edu.

cc: Dr. Helen Nissenbaum—Faculty Sponsor



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Consent Form for Adults in Non-Public (Oral or Email) Discussion

You have been invited to take part in a research study about Wikipedia's development, including its history and collaborative culture. This study will be conducted by Joseph M. Reagle Jr. as a part of his Doctoral dissertation. His faculty sponsor is Professor Helen Nissenbaum. Both of whom are of the Department of Culture and Communication, Steinhardt School of Education, New York University.

If you agree to be in this study, you will be asked to do the following: speak with me, either face-to-face or in e-mail, about your thoughts or involvement with Wikipedia. Participation in this study should require no more than an hour (if oral) or should not exceed more than three or four rounds (if email). There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although you will receive no direct benefits, this research may help the investigator understand Wikipedia's development, including its history and collaborative culture.

Confidentiality of your research records will be strictly maintained by only using the attribution and publication you choose; otherwise I will (1) keep your response to this consent form separate from your other information; (2) keep all information on a secured computer; and (3) not let anyone except my advisers look at the information.

Participation in this study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or withdraw at anytime without penalty. For interviews, questionnaires, or surveys, you have the right to skip or not answer any questions you prefer not to answer.

If there is anything about the study or your participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact Joseph M. Reagle Jr. at (212) 998-5191, jmr363@nyu.edu, 239 Greene Street; 7th Floor, or the faculty sponsor, Helen Nissenbaum at (212) 998-5251, hfn1@nyu.edu, 239 Greene Street; 7th Floor. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects, New York University, 15 Washington Place, #1-A, New York, New York, 10003, at human.subjects@nyu.edu or (212) 998-4808.

Please mark ("x") one of the options below if you're willing to speak with me:

- anonymously and do not wish to be quoted.
- be quoted and attributed with a made up identity.
- be quoted and attributed with your online (e.g., Wikipedia user) identity.

Check the following if:

- our conversation may be included in a public archive.

You have received a copy of this consent document to keep.

Agreement to Participate

Subject's Signature & Date