

Appendix to ad hoc Social Committee Report

Additional Tables

Table 10 Social media uses frequently vs infrequently

Goal/Frequency	Proportion
Infrequently used to share research	0.442
Frequently used to share research	0.236
Infrequently used to learn others research	0.324
Frequently used to learn others research	0.476
Infrequently used to expand network	0.341
Frequently used to expand network	0.291
Infrequently used to connect with professional associations	0.276
Frequently used to connect with professional associations	0.158
Infrequently used to connect with journalists	0.226
Frequently used to connect with journalists	0.087
Infrequently used to learn about employment and research opportunities	0.285
Frequently used to learn about employment and research opportunities	0.147
Infrequently used to advertise employment or research opportunities	0.287
Frequently used to advertise employment or research opportunities	0.09
Infrequently used to receive professional advice	0.26
Frequently used to receive professional advice	0.116
Infrequently used to give professional advice	0.242
Frequently used to give professional advice	0.053
Infrequently used to catch up on professional gossip or rumors	0.312
Frequently used to catch up on professional gossip or rumors	0.112
Infrequently used to receive personal advice	0.156
Frequently used to receive personal advice	0.039

Infrequently used to give personal advice 0.154
 Frequently used to give personal advice 0.03

Race/Ethnicity	Freq.	Percent
Asian	154	11.20
Black	17	1.24
HispLat	63	4.58
ME NA	22	1.60
NatH PacI	2	0.15
White	972	70.69
PreferNot	118	8.58
Other	27	1.96
Total	1375	100.00

A series of tables on attitudes towards ones' own social media use by observable type, without large differences.

How satisfied are you with the results of your social media use?	Degree year categorized into decades					Total
	< 1990	1990s	Aughts	20teens	>2020	
Very satisfied	8.06	7.91	6.80	8.24	7.91	7.78
Satisfied	31.72	33.33	31.60	28.24	25.90	30.13
Neutral	52.15	43.50	47.20	45.29	46.04	46.70
Unsatisfied	5.91	10.17	10.40	12.94	15.11	10.99
Very unsatisfied	2.15	5.08	4.00	5.29	5.04	4.40
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 15.37 Prob = 0.4974

How satisfied are you with the results of your social media use?	student		
	0	1	Total
Very satisfied	7.53	8.41	7.61
Satisfied	29.32	28.97	29.29
Neutral	47.12	41.12	46.60
Unsatisfied	11.69	14.95	11.97
Very unsatisfied	4.34	6.54	4.53
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 2.77 Prob = 0.5965

How satisfied are you with the results of your social media use?	Tenure (for academics)			Total
	No Tenure	Tenure	Nonacademic	
Very satisfied	6.42	8.24	7.69	7.61
Satisfied	26.54	30.74	29.55	29.29
Neutral	45.53	46.91	47.37	46.60
Unsatisfied	15.64	10.46	10.53	11.97
Very unsatisfied	5.87	3.65	4.86	4.53
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 10.74 Prob = 0.2169

How satisfied are you with the results of your social media use?	What would you say the ranking of your current employer is					Total
	Top 20	Between 21-50	Between 51-100	Above 100 or	Prefer not to say	

	not ranked					
Very satisfied	10.26	7.51	5.48	6.88	8.59	7.61
Satisfied	30.34	26.29	32.42	29.73	26.38	29.29
Neutral	43.59	48.36	44.29	46.93	50.92	46.60
Unsatisfied	10.68	14.08	13.70	11.30	10.43	11.97
Very unsatisfied	5.13	3.76	4.11	5.16	3.68	4.53
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 10.74 Prob = 0.8250

How satisfied are you with the results of your social media use?	Race/Ethnicity							
	Asian	Black	HispLat	ME NA	NatH PaCI	White	PreferNo t	Other
Very satisfied	4.11	11.76	8.33	0.00	50.00	7.83	10.19	7.61
Satisfied	22.60	23.53	36.67	42.86	0.00	29.79	30.56	23.00
Neutral	57.53	35.29	40.00	52.38	50.00	46.26	41.67	34.60
Unsatisfied	9.59	11.76	10.00	4.76	0.00	12.85	9.26	19.20
Very unsatisfied	6.16	17.65	5.00	0.00	0.00	3.27	8.33	15.30
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 48.32 Prob = 0.0099

A series of tables about the (overall, vs. own use) state of social media use in economics, also without large differences.

How satisfied are you with the state of social media use in our profession?	Degree year categorized into decades					
	< 1990	1990s	Aughts	20teens	>2020	Total
Very satisfied	0.00	2.53	1.50	1.44	0.00	1.19
Satisfied	11.66	11.62	13.53	16.09	13.38	13.59
Neutral	60.54	52.02	48.87	45.11	42.25	49.70
Unsatisfied	22.42	19.19	25.94	28.16	33.80	25.74
Very unsatisfied	5.38	14.65	10.15	9.20	10.56	9.77
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 37.17 Prob = 0.0020

How satisfied are you with the state of social media use in our profession?	student		
	0	1	Total
Very satisfied	1.06	1.96	1.13
Satisfied	12.47	17.65	12.87
Neutral	49.71	39.22	48.91
Unsatisfied	26.24	32.35	26.71
Very unsatisfied	10.51	8.82	10.38
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 6.34 Prob = 0.1753

How satisfied are you with the state of social media use in our profession?	Tenure (for academics)			Total
	No Tenure	Tenure	Nonacad emic	
Very satisfied	1.09	0.86	1.89	1.13
Satisfied	14.48	12.89	10.57	12.87
Neutral	42.08	50.14	55.09	48.91
Unsatisfied	31.97	24.93	24.15	26.71

Very unsatisfied	10.38	11.17	8.30	10.38
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 16.21 Prob = 0.0395

How satisfied are you with the state of social media use in our profession?	What would you say the ranking of your current employer is					Total
	Top 20	Between 21-50	Between 51-100	Above 100 or not ranked	Prefer not to say	
Very satisfied	0.75	1.28	0.44	1.41	1.73	1.13
Satisfied	15.04	11.06	16.23	12.18	9.25	12.87
Neutral	46.99	43.83	46.93	51.76	54.34	48.91
Unsatisfied	24.81	32.34	26.75	26.46	22.54	26.71
Very unsatisfied	12.41	11.49	9.65	8.20	12.14	10.38
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

A series of tables about anonymous social media in our profession, also without large differences across observable groups.

Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its use by economists, is	Race/Eth Small categories in Other						Total
	Asian	Black	HisplLat	White	PreferNo t	Other	
Very beneficial	1.35	0.00	0.00	1.08	7.08	13.04	1.78
Beneficial	14.86	17.65	9.52	7.99	19.47	13.04	10.08
Neutral	35.81	41.18	34.92	29.59	32.74	13.04	30.70
Detrimental	35.14	29.41	41.27	40.28	20.35	43.48	37.91
Very detrimental	12.84	11.76	14.29	21.06	20.35	17.39	19.53
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its use by economists, is	Degree year categorized into decades					Total
	< 1990	1990s	Aughts	20teens	>2020	
Very beneficial	0.88	2.02	1.92	1.75	0.00	1.46
Beneficial	8.33	9.60	7.28	11.95	16.67	10.36
Neutral	39.91	28.79	28.74	25.66	33.33	30.57
Detrimental	35.09	40.40	39.46	40.23	39.13	38.96
Very detrimental	15.79	19.19	22.61	20.41	10.87	18.66
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 32.56 Prob = 0.0084

Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its use by economists, is	student		
	0	1	Total
Very beneficial	1.64	2.97	1.75
Beneficial	9.62	21.78	10.55
Neutral	30.43	29.70	30.37
Detrimental	37.91	34.65	37.66
Very detrimental	20.39	10.89	19.67
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 18.57 Prob = 0.0010

Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its	Tenure (for academics)			Total
	No	Tenure	Nonacad	

use by economists, is	Tenure		emic	
Very beneficial	2.77	0.87	2.64	1.75
Beneficial	12.74	9.12	11.32	10.55
Neutral	30.75	27.93	36.23	30.37
Detrimental	36.57	38.78	36.23	37.66
Very detrimental	17.17	23.30	13.58	19.67
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 25.19 Prob = 0.0014

Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its use by economists, is	What would you say the ranking of your current employer is					
	Top 20	Between 21-50	Between 51-100	Above 100 or not ranked	Prefer not to say	Total
Very beneficial	1.52	0.44	1.32	1.89	4.05	1.75
Beneficial	9.85	8.73	11.45	10.61	12.72	10.55
Neutral	26.52	25.76	29.52	34.20	34.10	30.37
Detrimental	35.98	38.86	38.33	37.97	36.99	37.66
Very detrimental	26.14	26.20	19.38	15.33	12.14	19.67
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 35.41 Prob = 0.0035

Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its use by economists, is	Race/Ethnicity							
	Asian	Black	HispLat	ME NA	NatH PacI	White	PreferNot	Other
Very beneficial	1.35	0.00	0.00	14.29	0.00	1.08	7.08	0.00
Beneficial	14.86	17.65	9.52	14.29	0.00	7.99	19.47	33.33
Neutral	35.81	41.18	34.92	14.29	0.00	29.59	32.74	14.81
Detrimental	35.14	29.41	41.27	47.62	0.00	40.28	20.35	25.93
Very detrimental	12.84	11.76	14.29	9.52	100.00	21.06	20.35	25.93
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

Pearson Chi2 = 108.54 Prob = 0.0000

Table of social media uses reading vs posting, present vs past

BlueSky	Currently read BlueSky	0.068
	Currently post on BlueSky	0.043
	Have read BlueSky in the past	0.137
	Have posted on BlueSky in the past	0.077
EJMR	Currently read Economics Job Market Rumors	0.058
	Currently post on Economics Job Market Rumors	0.007
	Have read Economics Job Market Rumors in the past	0.448
	Have posted on Economics Job Market Rumors in the past	0.046
EconTrack	Currently read EconTrack	0.019
	Currently post on EconTrack	0.004
	Have read EconTrack in the past	0.093
	Have posted on EconTrack in the past	0.015

EconSpark	Currently read EconSpark	0.013
	Currently post on EconSpark	0.001
	Have read EconSpark in the past	0.1
	Have posted on EconSpark in the past	0.015
Facebook	Currently read Facebook	0.265
	Currently post on Facebook	0.14
	Have read Facebook in the past	0.204
	Have posted on Facebook in the past	0.153
Instagram	Currently read Instagram	0.17
	Currently post on Instagram	0.092
	Have read Instagram in the past	0.089
	Have posted on Instagram in the past	0.049
LinkedIn	Currently read LinkedIn	0.496
	Currently post on LinkedIn	0.261
	Have read LinkedIn in the past	0.228
	Have posted on LinkedIn in the past	0.141
Mastodon	Currently read Mastodon	0.015
	Currently post on Mastodon	0.013
	Have read Mastodon in the past	0.109
	Have posted on Mastodon in the past	0.066
Reddit	Currently read Reddit	0.132
	Currently post on Reddit	0.021
	Have read Reddit in the past	0.12
	Have posted on Reddit in the past	0.019
Stack Exchange	Currently read Stack Exchange	0.163
	Currently post on Stack Exchange	0.02
	Have read Stack Exchange in the past	0.123
	Have posted on Stack Exchange in the past	0.027
TikTok	Currently read TikTok	0.043
	Currently post on TikTok	0.007
	Have read TikTok in the past	0.042
	Have posted on TikTok in the past	0.007
Twitter/X	Currently read Twitter/X	0.504
	Currently post on Twitter/X	0.318
	Have read Twitter/X in the past	0.332
	Have posted on Twitter/X in the past	0.237

More Detail on Opposition to any best practices (at least ones limiting speech)

- One group, while agreeing that there are negative impacts, opposes any effort to reduce them because limits on free speech will be counterproductive. Two representative quotes:

“There is a lot of harmful content on the internet, including about scholars within the Economics profession, and we would be better off if that content were not there; but attempting to censor the internet is not a realistic or useful way for the AEA to spend its time.”

“I am aware of all of the downsides of social media (especially EJMR), and the negative aspects of it are very real. It is worth noting that there is a long history of discussions of free speech which points out analogous issues (it is not neutral who bears the brunt of offensive speech and etc.). While I wish it were possible to legislate that people be "good and reasonable," the history of speech codes and etc. is not encouraging on this front and ends up being just as problematic as the absence of speech codes.”

- Another group sees any AEA action which it cannot enforce in a court of law as irrelevant:

“The AEA does not have, and should not have, the legal authority to ban anonymous posts or message boards. “

- Another group thinks that the toxic behavior seen on social media by economists is merely an accurate reflection of the culture of our profession.

This group sees the problematic parts of social media use in Economics as merely the online version of the problematic parts of our profession. Others see it as merely the problematic aspects of society at large. In either case, this group opposes action

- Another group is concerned that new “regulations” will suppress economists’ free speech, especially that of conservative economists. Two representative quotes:

“Individuals have First Amendment rights to free speech. Anonymity is the only way to survive in the profession if one does not buy into the far-left ideological rot happening on college campuses.”

Another opposes any “ethics rules” which would treat women and Black economists fairly while] “old white guys like [me] can be kicked around for whatever reason.”

Survey Instrument



AEA Social Media Survey

The American Economic Association has established an Ad Hoc Committee on the Use of Social Media in Economics. This anonymous survey was designed by the Committee to learn about your social media use, your views on its appropriate use, and your views on the more general impact of social media in economics, whether or not you are a user yourself.

Your responses to the survey will be invaluable in helping propose best practices for social media use, both anonymous and non-anonymous, by individuals, departments, and associations in our profession.

The survey should take about 10 minutes, and all responses are optional. You are free to exit the survey at any time. If you want to provide more detailed responses than the survey permits, or have specific information about social media use and/or abuse, or any other queries, we invite you to reach out to us (social_media_committee@aeapubs.org) or the AEA Ombuds Team (aea-ombuds@mwi.org).

The survey will close Monday, August 5, 2024.

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AEA Social Media Survey

Section 1: Demographics and Job Characteristics

* 1. What is your position at your primary institution? (Select one option)

- Full professor, tenured (or equivalent)
- Associate professor, tenured (or equivalent)
- Assistant professor, tenure-track (or equivalent)
- Non-ladder faculty
- Post-doc
- Graduate student
- Research assistant
- Government/NGO
- Private company
- Prefer not to say
- Other (Please specify) _____

* 2. What is your primary research field? (Select one option)

- Behavioral Economics
- Development Economics (JEL O)
- Econometrics (JEL C)
- Economic History (JEL N)
- Economic Theory (JEL D)
- Environmental and Energy Econ (JEL Q)
- Financial Economics (JEL G)
- Industrial Organization (JEL L)
- International Economics (JEL F)
- Labor Economics (JEL H, I)
- Law and Economics (JEL K)
- Macroeconomics (JEL E)
- Political Economy (JEL P)
- Public Economics (JEL H, I)
- Urban Economics (JEL R)
- Prefer not to say
- Other (Please specify) _____

* 3. What is your gender? (Select one option)

- Male
- Female
- Non-Binary / Agender / Something else
- Prefer not to say

* 4. Are you a member of an LGBTQ community? (Select one option)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

* 5. Please select your racial/ethnic group (check as many as apply):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer not to say
- Other (Please specify) _____

* 6. In what year was your highest degree awarded? (Select one option)

- Prefer not to say
- Year: _____

* 7. What would you say the ranking of your current employer is (e.g., in the RePEc rankings)? (Select one option)

- Top 20
- Between 21-50
- Between 51-100
- Above 100 or not ranked
- Prefer not to say

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Section 2: Social Media Use

We are interested in your use of social media in connection with your professional life, not in your personal life. Please consider social media to be any online platform where people can post text or images and respond to others, such as those listed below. In some cases, we will ask specifically about anonymous social media, which are platforms designed to avoid revealing the names of the people posting.

8. Please tell us which social media you use in your professional life as an economist and how you use it.

	Currently read	Currently post	Have read in the past	Have posted in the past
(a) BlueSky	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(b) Economics Job Market Rumors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(c) EconTrack	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(d) EconSpark	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(e) Facebook	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(f) Instagram	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(g) LinkedIn	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(h) Mastodon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(i) Reddit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(j) Stack Exchange	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(k) TikTok	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(l) Twitter/X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. Are there any other social media you use in your professional life as an economist? (If so, please describe.)

Section 2: Social Media Use

Which of these social media uses or goals are part of your life as an economist? (Check all that apply.)

10. Share my research

- Use infrequently
- Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#10 is **Use infrequently**))

11. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to share your research? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#10 is **Use frequently**))

12. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to share your research? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

13. Learn about others' research

Use infrequently

Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#13 is **Use infrequently**))

14. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to learn about others' research? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#13 is **Use frequently**))

15. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to learn about others' research? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

16. Expand my network

Use infrequently

Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#16 is **Use infrequently**))

17. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to expand your network? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#16 is **Use frequently**))

18. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to expand your network? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

19. Connect with professional associations

Use infrequently

Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#19 is **Use infrequently**))

20. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to connect with professional associations? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#19 is **Use frequently**))

21. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to connect with professional associations? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

22. Connect with journalists

Use infrequently

Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#22 is **Use infrequently**))

23. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to connect with journalists? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#22 is **Use frequently**))

24. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to connect with journalists? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

25. Learn about employment or research opportunities

- Use infrequently
- Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to (Q#25 is **Use infrequently**)

26. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to learn about employment or research opportunities? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to (Q#25 is **Use frequently**)

27. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to learn about employment or research opportunities? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

28. Advertise employment or research opportunities

- Use infrequently
- Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to (Q#28 is **Use infrequently**)

29. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to advertise employment or research opportunities? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to (Q#28 is **Use frequently**)

30. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to advertise employment or research opportunities? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

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Section 2: Social Media Use (continued)

Which of these social media uses or goals are part of your life as an economist? (Check all that apply.)

31. Receive professional advice

- Use infrequently
 Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#31 is **Use infrequently**))

32. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to receive professional advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#31 is **Use frequently**))

33. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to receive professional advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

34. Give professional advice

- Use infrequently
 Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#34 is **Use infrequently**))

35. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to give professional advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#34 is **Use frequently**))

36. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to give professional advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

37. Catch up on professional gossip or rumors

- Use infrequently
 Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#37 is **Use infrequently**))

38. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to catch up on professional gossip or rumors? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#37 is **Use frequently**))

39. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to catch up on professional gossip or rumors? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

40. Receive personal advice

- Use infrequently
 Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#40 is **Use infrequently**))

41. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to receive personal advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#40 is **Use frequently**))

42. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to receive personal advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

43. Give personal advice

- Use infrequently
- Use frequently

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#43 is **Use infrequently**))

44. Which social media platform(s) do you use infrequently to give personal advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#43 is **Use frequently**))

45. Which social media platform(s) do you use frequently to give personal advice? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

46. Are there are any other social media uses or goals that are part of your life as an economist? (If so, please describe.)

47. How satisfied are you with the results of your social media use? (Select one option)

- Very unsatisfied
- Unsatisfied
- Neutral
- Satisfied
- Very satisfied
- NA

Section 3: Perceptions of the Benefits and Costs of Social Media for the Economics Profession

Do you feel that social media in general has the following impacts on the economics profession?

48. Allows scholars to connect more extensively/intensively with each other (Select one option)

- Not at all
- Somewhat
- A great deal
- Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#48 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

49. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

50. Provides a venue for scholars and journalists to connect (Select one option)

- Not at all
- Somewhat
- A great deal
- Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#50 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

51. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

52. Provides a venue for scholars and policymakers to connect (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#52 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

53. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

54. Enables scientific discussion of research results and methodologies to improve current and future research (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#54 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

55. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

56. Allows equal access of economists to participate in important discussions within the profession, regardless of job or seniority (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#56 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

57. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

58. Encourages scholars to waste time (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#58 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

59. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

60. Increases anxiety or other mental health issues among scholars (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#60 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

61. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

62. Allows unproductive and/or harmful conversations (e.g., gossip) to spread (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#62 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

63. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

64. Provides a locus for discrimination and /or harassment (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#64 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

65. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

66. Increases stress on particular groups of economists, such as racial minorities, women, etc. (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#66 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

67. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

68. Allows people to use "whisper networks" in a positive way to help other scholars stay safe or avoid harassment or discrimination (Select one option)

- Not at all Somewhat A great deal Don't know

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to((Q#68 is **Somewhat OR A great deal**))

69. On which social media platform(s) does this impact arise? (Provide a comma-separated list.)

70. Are there other impacts you feel social media has had on the economics profession overall? (If so, please describe.)

71. How satisfied are you with the state of social media use in our profession? (Select one option)

- Very unsatisfied
 Unsatisfied
 Neutral
 Satisfied
 Very satisfied

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Section 4: Anonymity in Social Media

Do you think that anonymity in social media platforms has the following impacts, in distinction to non-anonymous platforms?

72. Anonymous posting enables these behaviors:

	Not at all	Somewhat	A great deal	Don't know
(a) Allows a more robust critique of scholarly work	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(b) Allows more robust critique of policies and practices by organizations or academic departments, including hiring practices	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(c) Lets people "call out," in a useful way, bad behavior of individuals who are causing harm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(d) Lets people "call out," in a harmful way, purported bad behavior, damaging the reputation of individuals who are not causing harm	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(e) Allows criticism of powerful figures, such as journal editors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(f) Enables harassment and bullying of scholars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(g) Promotes the spreading of harmful rumors about scholars	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(h) Lets scholars "let off steam" in a harmless way	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
(i) Lets people ask questions without fear of appearing foolish in public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

73. Do the positive or negative impacts you noted here fall on any particular groups of scholars? Do you think that anonymous posting enables any other behaviors with significant impacts? (If so, please describe.)

74. Overall, do you think the existence of anonymous social media, and its use by economists for uses related to their work, is socially beneficial or detrimental? (Select one option)

- Very detrimental
- Detrimental
- Neutral
- Beneficial
- Very beneficial

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Section 5: Appropriate Professional Behavior on Social Media

How appropriate is it for economists to post each of the following?

75. Positive views about the content of a conference or seminar presentation you attended? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

76. Negative views about the content of a conference or seminar presentation you attended? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

77. A photo you took of a conference or seminar presentation? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

78. A video you took of a conference or seminar presentation? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes Appropriate Never Appropriate

79. A discussion of a job market candidate's portfolio, seminar presentation, or prospects at your institution? (Select one option)

- Always Appropriate Sometimes Appropriate Never appropriate

80. Criticism of another scholar's work if that person is junior to / lower rank than you? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

81. Criticism of another scholar's work on social media if that person is senior to / higher rank than you? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

82. Complaints about bad behavior you have observed by another member of the economics profession? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

83. Comments about another economist's personal life, appearance, etc? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

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Section 6: Activities on Social Media Other Than Posting

How appropriate is it for economists to do each of the following?

84. Conduct a scientific study using social media without informing participants that they are in a study? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

85. Use anonymous posts as a sole basis for form judgments about other scholars' research achievements? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

86. Frequent sites where one reads racist, sexist or otherwise discriminatory anonymous comments about other scholars? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

87. Repost or otherwise disseminate anonymous criticism of other scholars without verifying the content? (Select one option)

- Always appropriate Sometimes appropriate Never appropriate

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Section 7: Bullying and Harassment

88. Have you been bullied, harassed, etc. on social media? (Select one option)

- Yes
 No

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to (Q#88 is Yes)

89. On which site(s)?

- BlueSky
 Economics Job Market Rumors
 EconTrack
 EconSpark
 Facebook
 Instagram
 LinkedIn
 Mastodon
 Reddit
 Stack Exchange
 TikTok
 Twitter/X
 Other (Please specify) _____

NOTE : Answer the below question only if answer to (Q#88 is Yes)

90. Would you like to discuss the incident(s) with the Committee members or the AEA Ombuds Team? (Select one option)

- Yes
 No

NOTE : Display this comment only if answer to Q#90 is Yes

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