

TAMPERE UNIVERSITY

Information Sheet on Data Protection, Privacy, and Data Processing.

Research – Survey on Pressure, Harassment, and Intimidation Against Journalists 2024

You are invited to participate in a survey study that explores experiences of occupational pressure, harassment, and intimidation among Finnish professional journalists. The study also examines the effects of pressure, harassment, and intimidation on journalists' professional conduct and personal wellbeing. The survey is administered via email to those members of the Union of Journalists in Finland, the Association of Editors, the Finnish Association of Magazine Editors-in-Chief and The Finnish Association of Local Paper Editors, whose occupational position is considered relevant for the scope of this study.

After reading this information sheet, you have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have concerning the research and the data protection protocols. Researcher Ilmari Hiltunen will be happy to respond any questions via phone +358 50 509 9034 or via email ilmari.hiltunen@tuni.fi.

Purpose of the research

The purpose of this study is to explore occurrence of occupational pressure, harassment, intimidation, and violence among professional journalists in Finland and examine the effects these phenomena have on journalists' professional conduct and personal wellbeing.

As the research also explores the connections between various individual and occupational factors and experiences of pressure, harassment and intimidation, the participants are asked to provide background information. As previous research has given indications that journalists belonging to various minority groups are targeted with pressure, harassment, and intimidation more frequently, the participants are asked to provide sensitive personal information regarding their first language, ethnic origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, and other possible minority positions. This information makes it possible to study the connections between various types of pressure, harassment, and intimidation, and various minority positions.

The legal basis for collection and processing personal information is scientific research in the public interest. The information collection is necessary for the objectives of the research as indicated in the third paragraph of the fourth section of the Finnish Data protection act. Special categories of data are collected and processed for the purpose of scientific research in accordance with seventh paragraph of the sixth section of Finnish Data protection act.

Description of the process

The research will be conducted in September and October 2024. Participation in the research consists of filling online self-report survey form between 30th September and 20th October 2024. Filling out the survey is considered as sign of given consent. The survey invitation and form are delivered via email. The survey form contains three sections: 1) Background information 2) Personal experiences of pressure, harassment and intimidation 3) Perceived implications of pressure, harassment, and intimidation. Filling out the survey form takes approximately 10 minutes.

No compensation will be offered for participation.

Procedures for collecting research data

The data will be collected using online self-report survey on LimeSurvey platform provided by Tampere University. The data will be saved on Tampere University server.

Potential risks and benefits of participation

The results obtained from the research can be used to advance occupational health safety and occupational wellbeing of journalists. Additionally, the results can be utilized when planning new legislation measures concerning harassment and intimidation.

The survey responses are anonymous, and any material used in research publications will be presented in a way that minimizes the risk of identifying individual respondents. Risks related to the handling of personal data are mitigated through the measures described in this information sheet.

Protecting the privacy of participants in research papers/publications

The survey responses are anonymous, and any material used in research publications will be presented in a way that minimizes the risk of identifying individual respondents.

Data confidentiality, processing, and storage

All personal data collected during the study will be processed in compliance with the EU's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the data protection laws of Finland.

The data will be stored in Tampere University server, and processing and analysis of the data will take place only in Tampere University systems and virtual desktops.

A limited set of research material, without any identifying background information, will also be offered to *Journalisti* magazine for journalistic use. This material may contain indirect identifiers and their various combinations. The material will be erased when it is no longer deemed useful for this purpose. No physical copies of the research material will be produced. Research data will not be shared with any external parties not specifically mentioned in this information sheet.

The research materials and data collected during the study will be retained by Tampere University for 3 years, after which an assessment regarding the usefulness of the data will be made. If this assessment finds that the data is no longer needed for research purposes, it will be erased. This assessment will be repeated every 3 years until the data is erased

Funding sources

The research is funded by financed by Journalistisen kulttuurin edistämissäätiö (JOKES).

Voluntary participation

Participation in this study is entirely voluntary, and you have the right to withdraw from the study at any time. Partially filled survey forms will not be used in the study.

However, it should be noted that once a survey form is completed, it will remain in the study database and will be used in the study. As the responses are anonymous, it is not possible for the researchers to identify and remove saved responses afterwards.

Privacy protection in the context of research papers and communicating about the study

The research results will be primarily reported in scientific publications published in Finnish and in English.

Additionally, participants will receive information about the findings through media. Limited set of research material, without identifying background information, will be offered to *Journalisti* magazine for their journalistic work concerning the subject of the study.

Information regarding the stage of study and its findings can also be obtained by personally contacting researcher Ilmari Hiltunen via phone (+358 50 509 9034) or email (ilmari.hiltunen@tuni.fi).

Use of data for non-research/later research purposes

A limited set of research material, without identifying background information, will also be offered to *Journalisti* magazine for journalistic use. This material will be erased when it is no longer deemed useful for this purpose.

The data and material can be utilized for future research, such as longitudinal studies regarding occurrence of pressure, harassment, and intimidation among Finnish journalists. All further research and use of the data must adhere data protection and privacy guidelines presented in this information sheet.

Inquiries

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