Informed consent

We ask you to participate in a research study titled "Privacy-Preserving Abuse Prevention for Encrypted Communications Platforms." This study is led by Dr. Nathan Matias from the Communication Department at Cornell University.

What the study is about
This research aims to analyze users' experiences on Encrypted Messaging apps regarding privacy and content moderation. We are considering Encrypted Messaging apps, which are specifically designed to ensure private and secure communication, like WhatsApp, Telegram, or Signal.

What we will ask you to do
We will ask you about your concerns on privacy, experiences of privacy invasion, instances of message removal or reporting, and opportunities for improvement on Encrypted Messaging apps.

Requirements
Participants need to be older than 18 years old. Unfortunately, residents of any of the following territories are not eligible to participate: Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela, Crimea region of Ukraine, Luhansk People's Republic (LNR), and Donetsk People's Republic (DNR).

Risks and discomforts
We carefully designed the project about our participants' confidentiality and their responses' anonymity. Our questionnaire does not require disclosure of personal information. Also, it is developed on LimeSurvey, a platform that enables data collection without personally identifiable information, providing a protective layer for participant privacy.

Benefits
There are no direct benefits to you from participating in this research. However the results of this study aim to serve as input to offer a better user experience on these platforms in the future, prioritizing privacy with regard to content moderation.

Incentives for participation
Participants will not receive economic compensation for being part of this study.

Privacy/Confidentiality/Data Security
The information in this study will be used only for research purposes and in ways that will not reveal who you are. We will do our best to ensure that all details that could lead to reidentification through publications will be removed.

If you have questions
The leading researcher conducting this study is Dr. Nathan Matias, Assistant Professor at Cornell University. Please, if you have questions, contact us at candado@cornell.edu. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your rights as a subject in this study, contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) for Human Participants at 607-255-5138 or access their website at https://researchservices.cornell.edu/offices/IRB. You may also anonymously report your concerns or complaints through Ethicspoint at www.hotline.cornell.edu or by calling toll-free at 1-866-293-3077.

Statement of Consent
I have read the above information, and have received answers to any questions I asked. I consent to take part in the study. This consent form will be kept by the researcher for five years beyond the end of the study.