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To: Reddit Inc.  
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United States

Subject: Companies using Reddit data from Reddit users for their own databases, which they make available to law enforcement agencies in The Netherlands for information gathering.

Dear Madame/Sir,

At the moment we are investigating several Dutch companies that are providing social media data to Dutch law enforcement agencies. In regard to this matter, including their use of Reddit data for these purposes, we have several questions for you.

1. Is Reddit aware of the fact that companies are downloading (crawling) Reddit data for their own purposes?
2. Does Reddit allow companies to collect data from Dutch citizens – and probably other nationalities – in order for the companies to store the data in their own databases? If so, under which regulations or laws are the agreements between Reddit and these companies made?
3. Is Reddit aware that these companies make these databases available to their customers, who pay for this access/data?
4. These companies also make their databases available to law enforcement agencies for social and online media monitoring/surveillance purposes. Is Reddit aware of that? What kind of agreements between Reddit and data collection companies regulate the companies' making that data available to law enforcement agencies?
5. Are users in the Netherlands – and other countries - informed by Reddit about the fact that their data might be collected by Dutch companies for other purposes than the initial intention of the Reddit users? How are privacy, copyright and general surveillance issues dealt with between Reddit and these companies concerning the data from Reddit users?
6. Do these companies that collect Reddit data have a contract with Reddit? At the moment we are investigating several companies among which Coosto/Wiseguys Internet B.V., Buzzcapture and Obi4wan/Sitedata. Are these companies known to Reddit? Does Reddit publish a full list of Dutch companies which have Reddit's permission to collect data from its users?

Yours sincerely

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