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Dear Sirs,

I wish to add two further points of serious misconduct to my complaint.

The “research” output of Lewandowsky and co-authors reported in Lewandowsky et al 2013 (Frontiers in Psychology) (“Fury”) included the compilation and publication of a so-called “database” (the Fury Database) that included the names of identified parties, including myself. University of Western Australia polices (see <http://www.research.uwa.edu.au/staff/human-research/facts>) state that “human research” includes the identification of human subjects in a databank and that the persons so “identified in a databank” are “human participants”:

A ‘human participant’ in research is any person who, for example:...

- Is identified in a databank, including unpublished human research data, e.g. an analysis of existing unpublished data collected by another researcher or collected for another research project

UWA policies also state that researchers intending to carry out human research are required to obtain ethics approval prior to starting research or collecting data.

It is my understanding that Lewandowsky and co-authors did not obtain such ethics approval prior to starting research or collecting data.

While Lewandowsky and co-authors will undoubtedly take the position that blog comments are made in public, they did not merely carry out passive observation of public activity. Instead,

Lewandowsky and co-authors provided a series of “stimuli” and should have obtained ethics approval for each of these “stimuli”. The stimuli include, but are not limited to:

- Blogposts and statements by Lewandowsky, including the following statements, some of which directly disparage supposed subjects of the research, including me:
 - the STW blog post of September 3, 2012
 - the STW blog post of September 4, 2012
 - the statement to desmogblog published on September 5, 2012
 - the STW blog post of September 7, 2012
 - the STW blog post of September 10, 2012
- blogposts by co-author Hubble-Marriott, including the following blogposts at watchingthedeniers.org:
 - August 8, 2012 <http://watchingthedeniers.wordpress.com/2012/08/12/protocols-of-the-elder-climate-scientists-and-banksters-part-2-rothschilds-money-masters-and-global-warming/>
 - August 19, 2012 <http://watchingthedeniers.wordpress.com/2012/09/04/lewandowsky-et-al-versus-the-were-not-conspiracy-theorists-but-brigade-part-1/>
 - August 24, 2012 <http://watchingthedeniers.wordpress.com/2012/08/24/conspircism-and-climate-scepticism-empirical-research-confirms-what-we-all-know-and-some-predictions/>
 - August 28, 2012 <http://watchingthedeniers.wordpress.com/2012/08/28/climate-deniers-object-to-being-called-conspiracy-theorists-propose-conspiracy-to-explain-why-labelled-such/>
 - September 4, 2012 <http://watchingthedeniers.wordpress.com/2012/09/04/lewandowsky-et-al-versus-the-were-not-conspiracy-theorists-but-brigade-part-1/>

It is hard for me to believe that a responsible Ethics Committee would have sanctioned these sorts of “stimuli” as part of a human research program compliant with policies of the University of Western Australia and the Australian National Statement.

Further, ethics approval would have required a proper ethics application, in which the conflicts of interest of some of the authors would have been obligatory disclosure. The extreme hostility of researchers Cook, Hubble-Marriott and Lewandowsky to the subjects of the survey was a conflict of interest that ought to have been disclosed to the Ethics Committee as part of a proper ethics application.

I recognize that blogs are public forums and that there is no reason in principle why participants cannot be studied. However, for such human research to be carried out by researchers at the University of Western Australia, it is my understanding that such research has to be done

according to the policies of the University, including obtaining ethics approval both for the program and for the various “stimuli” prior to undertaking the research.

Lewandowsky, Cook, Oberauer and Hubble-Marriott ought to be aware of these requirements and his failure to apply for or obtain such approval appears to me to be misconduct. I request that you investigate these allegations according to applicable policies.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen McIntyre". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Stephen" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "McIntyre".

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