



Netiquette of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Posts by users enhance the content of our website presence on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media.

The quality of comments is more important to us than their number. Our standard is that discussions provide interesting and relevant insights. In the following Netiquette, we give tips on writing your own posts and comments. We want to have an environment where all users feel welcome to join discussions.

Please keep a few things in mind

1. Always maintain a friendly, **respectful tone** and do not get involved in provocations from other users.
2. Stick to **the topic of the discussion** or of the commented post. If you object to a post from another user, criticize the content of the post, not the author.
3. **Tolerance:** We will not tolerate users or user groups to be discriminated on grounds of origin, nationality, religion, sexual identity, age, or gender.
4. Your comment should follow the **rules of spelling**. Use paragraphs for ease of reading. All-caps are considered shouting and are difficult to read.
5. It can be difficult to discern **cynicism and irony** in written posts. Be careful in using these stylistic devices to avoid being misunderstood.
6. You are not allowed to publish **personal data or other personal information** of others.

Use your own content only

No media protected by law may be published. Make sure that **copyright is not violated** when you upload media or content. Do not use photos, text, files, or documents of others without their consent. Images of persons must not be published in the media without having obtained their consent.

If you do not adhere to the netiquette, we must intervene

The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research reserves the right to review, store, edit, delete, or forward any content that violates the Netiquette or the law. We will provide reasons for our intervention, mainly by way of brief comments.

You are welcome to provide links in your comments, e.g., to refer to further information on a topic. The Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research is not responsible for the contents of any external links provided and does not check them. However, we reserve the right to remove links should content violate the rules above. Commercial content and advertising is not permitted.

