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Do “Top” Social Science Journals Have Data Policies? If, yes, what do they say?
Methods

Identifying Journals with Data Policies

• SJR
  • Sociology & Poli Sci; Social Science; Psychology
• Eigenfactor
  • Sociology; Social Science; Psychology
• Reviewed Instructions to Authors for data policy

Identifying Content of Data Policies

• Journal / Publisher; Strong / Weak
• Sharing, Location, Format, Completeness, Timeliness, Consequences, Exceptions
Journals with Data Policies

135 Journals Reviewed

62 Data Policies

46%
Generally

- <50% Journal Specific Policies
- No Standard Formats
- Lack of Consequences
3 Strong Enforceable Policies
• “Should, Recommend, Request”
• “Must” – No Location; No Consequences
The Good; The Bad

Exemplar

• American Journal of Political Science
• Nature Climate Change

Poor Examples

• Journal of Applied Econometrics
• Human Relations
And the Worrisome

- Variance between us
- Policy vagueness
- Reliance on Boilerplate
Publisher Policies

• Elsevier
  • Mendeley
  • Data in Brief
  • Data citation

• APA
  • Have you published BEFORE

• Springer
  • $300 “let us curate your data”

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Next Steps

- Data in Methods
- Strong policy impact
- Policy impact
- Draft exemplar policy
Questions

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