Twitter Data & SOPHI Update - May 2021

There are many changes coming this summer around the data that SDS is supporting and the SOPHI infrastructure. Please read carefully if you have been using or are planning on using SDS data resources:

1) The SOPHI hardware is aging out. We will be migrating select data and shutting it down this summer.

AWS will be a key element of our SDS data management strategy going forward. SOPHI originally had six data nodes and two have failed and been removed. We started a project last fall to manage this and determine the path forward. Therefore, we will be migrating select data and deleting everything else. We have completed an inventory of all data on SOPHI and have reached out to all PIs that we can determine. If you believe you have data on SOPHI and have not been contacted, please reach out to us immediately.

2) The SDS contract with Twitter is ending on <u>Wednesday, June 30th</u>. This requires us to delete historical Twitter data pulls.

Tweet pulls are available directly to researchers through the [Academic Research Product Track (ARPT)](#).

With the new ARPT launching, it is highly likely SDS will not renew our Historical Product Track API access. Trang and Rick are here to help you transition to the ARPT, but will not likely be able to pull data after June 30th.

What this means:

1) You will be required to delete data we pulled for you in the past.

2) Each researcher that wants access to Twitter data will need to apply directly with the Academic Research Product Track.

Researchers should submit any current projects to ARPT as soon as possible to ensure access to the Tweets for current projects. Applicants receive access to 10 million Tweets per month, and can renew projects each year to keep access to data.