Guidance for Using Data of Questionable Origin in Academic Research

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• Senate asked by former Provost, Mark Searle, to examine use of illegally/questionably obtained data in research and suggest guidelines for faculty

• Data obtained through illegal or unethical means are increasingly available.

• Research and Creative Activities Committee produced a framework for ASU researchers to follow when using data with a questionable origin for use in research.

• The framework is based on consultation with the Office of General Counsel, the Office of Research Integrity and Assurance, ASU Knowledge Enterprise, College Academic Integrity officers, the Provost's Office, and the ASU Faculty Senate.

• **Provost will now decide whether or not to implement this framework into ASU policy.**
DO YOUR DATA HAVE A QUESTIONABLE OR POTENTIALLY ILLEGAL ORIGIN?

| YES | NO |

CONSULT WITH OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

| YES | NO |

CONSULT WITH INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD (IRB)

| YES | NO |

WILL THE USE/PUBLICATION OF THESE DATA HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO CAUSE HARM TO INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS

| YES | NO |

CONSULT WITH 3 PERSON AD HOC COMMITTEE (SENATE, PROVOST AND KE REPRESENTATIVE)

NO ADDITIONAL ACTION NEEDED, PROCEED