Class Activity 1 (Research Ethics)

Discuss a study design where the Facebook research on understanding and measuring online emotion contagion could have been done ethically. Assume you are internal to Facebook and have access to any data/experimental framework.

Class Activity 2 (Generative AI)

Now open the ChatGPT interface on your laptop or tablet (or look on a classmate's machine if you aren't carrying one). In connection to the question (class activity 1) above,

- a) Provide the following prompt to the ChatGPT interface: "Do you know of the Facebook emotion contagion study?". What does the system say? Is it accurate in its description, particularly in its assessments of the ethical concerns of the study? Describe how.
- b) In the same chat session, follow up with the following prompt: "Could this study have been done ethically? If so, how?" Read the answer it provides. Is it adequate? How does it compare with your own answer above?
- c) Based on this exercise, do you think ChatGPT is capable of ethical decision-making?