computational social media

assignment #1

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assignment #1: who are your Facebook friends?

1. Watch the talk by Robin Dunbar at ICWSM 2012 (1 hour)
   http://videolectures.net/icwsm2012_dunbar_facebook/

2. If you have a Facebook account:
   - Go to tab “All friends”
   - Manually code the first 150 people, appearing in your list, exactly in the order in which they appear according to this coding system:
     (a) intimate (e.g. partner, parents, best friend)
     (b) close personal friend
     (c) friend
     (d) acquaintance
     (e) stranger (people-you-don’t-really-know-but-somehow-got-in)

   - Respond to the following questions and write a summary (one-page max)
     (a) How many FB friends do you have in total?
     (b) How many of your manually coded FB friends belong to each category?
     (c) How difficult was it to categorize your FB friends?
     (d) Is your Dunbar’s number lower or higher than 150?
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3. If you do not have a Facebook account:

- Discuss how easy or difficult you would have found to code imagined FB friends (or past FB friends, in case you ever had a Facebook account), and what are the challenges associated with such coding process.

- Discuss 3 of the results presented by Dunbar’s talk that particularly called your attention.
assignment #1: logistics and deadlines

1. **HARD DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REPORT**: Thu 05.03.2020, 6pm
   - send by email to: 
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   - pdf format
   - late assignments will **NOT** be given any credit

2. Results will be discussed in class on Friday 06.03.2020
questions?

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