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)
   https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFvbUL1Ql0M

2. If you have a Facebook account:
   - Manually code the first 150 people, appearing in your list of all friends, 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 via Google Form #1 (link posted on moodle):
     * How many FB friends do you have in total?
     * How many of your manually coded 150 FB friends belong to (a) Intimate; (b) Close personal friend; (c) Friend; (d) Acquaintance; (e) Stranger
     * How easy was it to categorize your FB friends? (a) Easy; (b) Medium; (c) Hard
     * Is your Dunbar’s number higher than 150? (a) Higher; (b) About 150; (c) Lower
     * Discuss ONE aspect in Dunbar’s talk that called your attention (open text)
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3. If you do not have a Facebook account, use your whatsapp contacts list or other social network similar to Facebook (not Twitter), and do step 2 with it.

4. If you do not have any of the above, respond to the following questions via Google Form #2 (link posted on moodle):
   * What are the challenges associated with the process of coding friends as proposed by Dunbar (open text)
   * How easy would it be to code people in those terms? (a) Easy; (b) Medium; (c) Hard
   * Discuss THREE of the results presented by Dunbar’s talk that called your attention (open text)
assignment #1: logistics and deadlines

1. DEADLINE TO SUBMIT RESULTS: Wed 10.03.2021, 7pm CET
   - late assignments will not receive any credit

2. Results will be discussed in class on Friday 12.03.2021
questions?

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