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#mturkgate

- Amazon currently charges a 10% flat fee.
- They just changed this fee structure to 20% and 40% depending on the task
Yoel Inbar @yorl · Jun 22
Academics: any experience with @CrowdFlower? Are they a viable alternative to Amazon? #mturkgate

Kristy@TurkerNation @TurkerNational · Jun 23
WTF Amazon mturk?! #mturkgate bit.ly/1N6TLBf uses mTurk

Lisa Williams @williamslisaphd · Jun 23
@amazonmturk raises commission to 40% (from 10%) effective 21 July. #mturkgate, indeed. Let the research exodus commence.

Michael C. Frank and 2 others favored
todd gureckis @todd_gureckis · Jun 22
@BrianNosek #mturkgate may be a real opportunity for research community to build an alternative with better research features

Gabriele Paolacci @gpaolacci · Jun 23
That’s right academic friends, mturk commissions will be 4x larger #mturkgate requester.mturk.com/pricing

Amazon Made Its Humans-For-Hire More Expensive
Amazon’s Mechanical Turk is a slightly bizarre service that allows companies to pay strangers on the internet to do repetitive tasks for them. It’s popular among scientists as...
This is our chance.

- I predict we have about 2–4 weeks before someone launches an alternative platform.

- This should be us.
Focus on execution

- For the moment, we need to make sure we are biased toward action, not debate.
- We know our current research goals, and we need to put them into motion.
Simplify

- What is the simplest design?
- What prototype will address our direct goals?
- What can we ignore for now?

- This will be the only way to succeed.
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Participatory Democracy - Survey

Successes
* Opportunity to contribute
* Direct access to participants

Challenges
* Aligning of ideas with platform priorities
* Building support for an idea
* Confusing process
* Duplicate/similar ideas

Other
* Appropriateness of technology mechanism
## Governance Review

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### DECISIONS
- Voted for min. wage by nation in accordance with local law
- Further discussion to be focused on legal entity structure

### UPVOTED IDEAS
- Establish task accept/reject timeline
- Establish a Code of Conduct
- Offer reward for participating in solution brainstorming
- Rank workers like Credit*

### UPVOTED IDEAS
- Not enough votes to move any ideas to solution
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Next Steps:

SURVEYS → UIIST PAPER
Poster paper
@ UIST
New Milestone Structure