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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

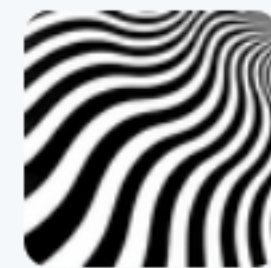
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Lisa Williams @williamslisaphd · Jun 23

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

★ Michael C. Frank and 2 others favorited



todd gureckis @todd_gureckis · Jun 22

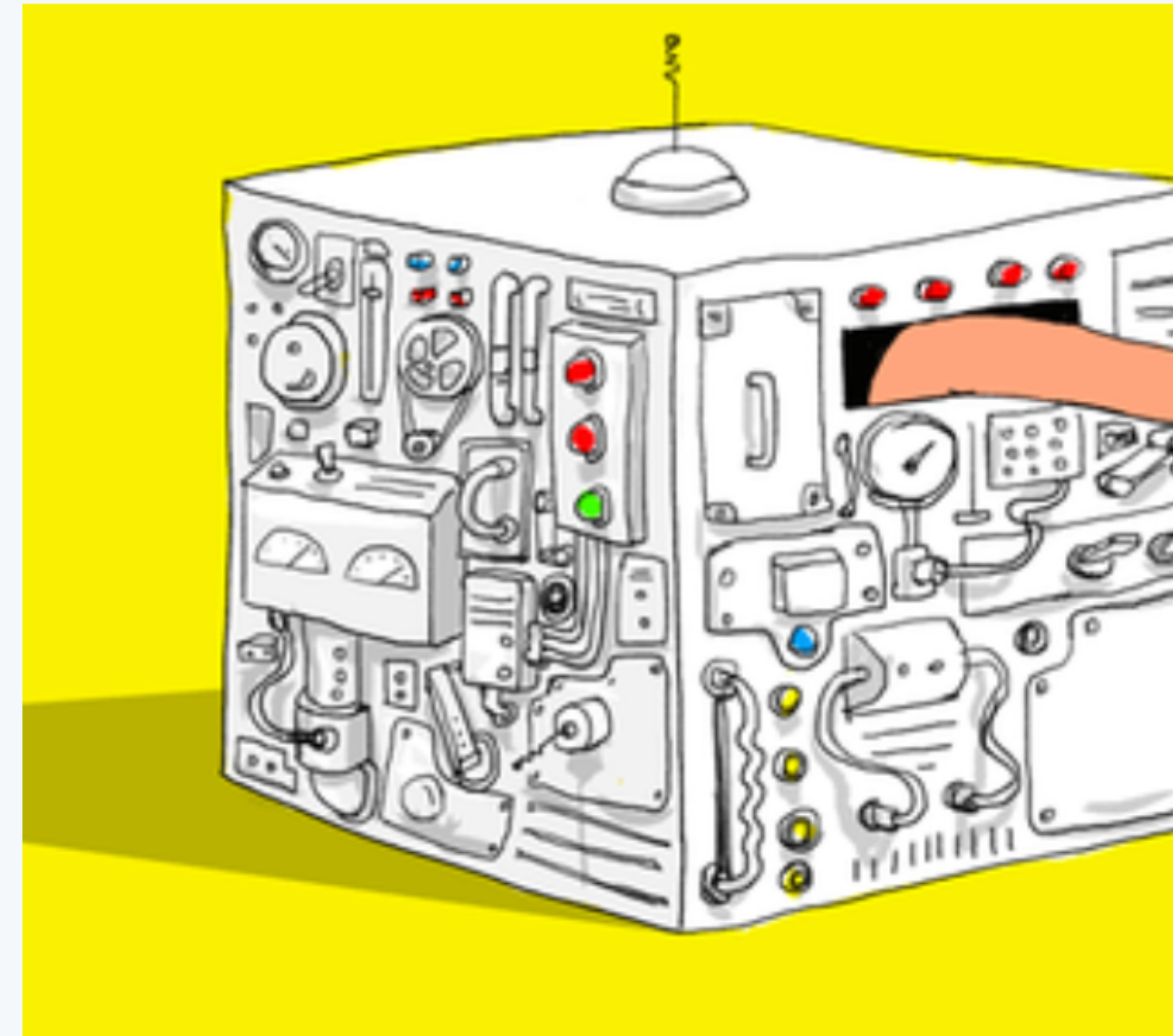
@BrianNosek #mturkgate may be a real opportunity for research community to build an alternative with better research features



Gabriele Paolacci @gpaolacci · Jun 23

That's right academic friends, mturk commissions will be 4x larger #mturkgate requester.mturk.com/pricing

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Amazon Made Its Humans-For-Hire More Expensive

Amazon's Mechanical Turk is a slightly bizarre service that lets researchers outsource repetitive tasks to strangers on the internet, often for a small amount of money. 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

Mock Leadership Board	Participatory Democracy	Weighted Democracy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Candidates • 206 Election Votes • 49 Idea Votes <p style="text-align: center;">DECISIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voted for min. wage by nation in accordance with local law • Further discussion to be focused on legal entity structure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 33 Ideas offered • 1 Solution offered • 52 Total Votes <p style="text-align: center;">UPVOTED IDEAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish task accept/reject timeline • Establish a Code of Conduct • Offer reward for participating in solution brainstorming • Rank workers like Credit* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 New Ideas offered • 19 Total Votes • 9 Voters <p style="text-align: center;">UPVOTED IDEAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not enough votes to move any ideas to solution

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Next Steps:

SURVEYS



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New Milestone Structure