

Peer Response

by N.B. (anonymised) - Wednesday, 29 October 2025, 2:13 PM

Hi Jens,

You have made an excellent extension to Hancock et al.'s (2024) findings by adding the role of private digital infrastructure, such as Starlink. This is not covered in the original case study. Hancock et al. focus mainly on data sources and digital investigation tools. They do not discuss communication networks.

Your point about companies like SpaceX controlling internet access is important. It shifts the discussion from data fairness to the power held by private infrastructure providers. This can affect accountability in new ways.

I also like how you linked governance models with community participation. Hancock et al. talk about community involvement, but not in the context of large global technology firms.

It may be interesting to consider whether increasing connectivity alone would solve the data gaps identified in the study. There is a chance that this could also create new dependencies or inequalities.

Thanks,

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