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Subject: Re: Ethical documents

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Following is a response from DHS staff member, Tom Pullum:

Users of DHS data sets are generally advised to get approval from their institution's own IRB. DHS surveys have no personal identifiers and have been anonymized in terms of individuals, households, and clusters. Such secondary data is generally considered "exempt", which means that the IRB approval is expedited and virtually automatic. It is supposed to be obtained before you begin the analysis, but it is possible that your IRB will give retroactive approval that will satisfy the journal. However, we will contact you outside of the forum regarding these specific surveys.

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