

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN TWITTER: ANTI-VACCINE CONTROVERSIES IN TIMES OF COVID-19

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INTRODUCTION



Citizen participation

plays an important role in democratic societies whose public policies seek to reduce the problems of citizen disaffection and governance



Child participation

children and adolescents, individually and/or collectively, express their opinions and decisions in questions that concern them directly according to their age and maturity



Childhood and a digital environment

a challenge in the political sphere is the need to provide this citizenship with scenarios of citizen exercise, offline and online, so that they assume active roles

OBJECTS

To analyze what contributions municipal referents (elected officials and technical figures) perceive from the digital and technical figures) of the digital environment and what uses they make of it to promote child participation in the region

METODOLOGY



Two questionnaires:
- for elected officials (EC)
- for technical figures (FT)

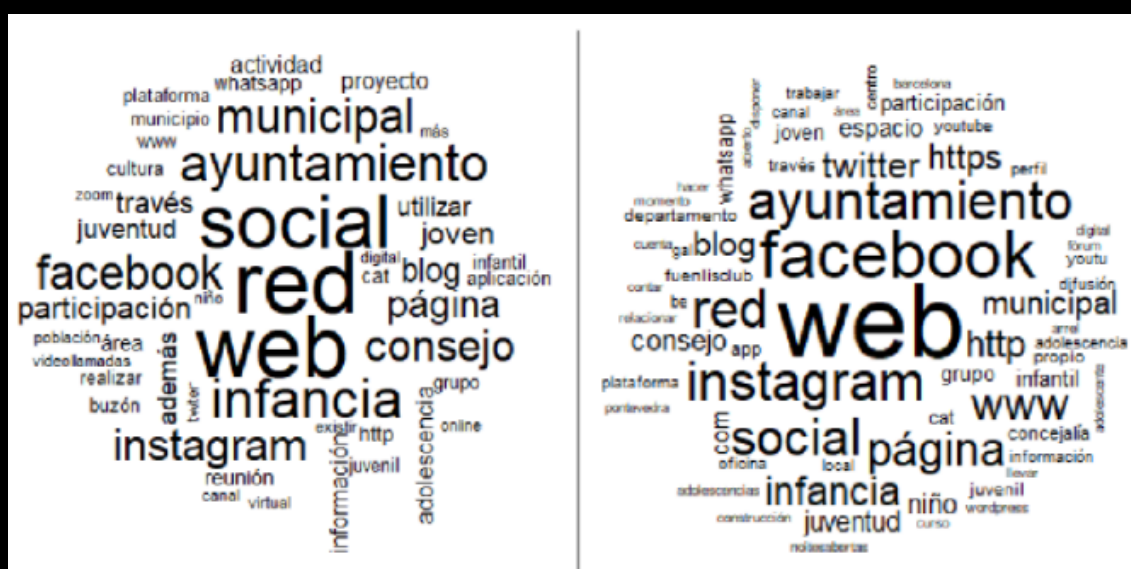
279 subjects:

- 88 elected officials, councilors with political leadership functions
- 191 technical figures, civil servants with program coordination and dynamization functions
- 179 Spanish municipalities belonging to the universe of 386 municipalities associated with IAEC and/or CAI

RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

The most significant result: the finding of the variable that establishes significant differences between those TFs that mediate the participation of children and adolescents with technological environments and those that not. This variable alludes to the reasons that drive child participation

The digital environments most used to mediate the participation of children and adolescents are the websites of the municipalities, the social networks Facebook and Instagram and the Whatsapp application



Local governments use digital environments essentially for informational and communicative purposes but not for deliberative, decision-making or creative functions



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