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**Beyond the Turk: Alternative platforms for  
crowdsourcing behavioral research**

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**Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm  
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**Abstract**

The success of Amazon Mechanical Turk (MTurk) as an online research platform has come at a price: MTurk has suffered from slowing rates of population replenishment, and growing participant non-naivety. Recently, a number of alternative platforms have emerged, offering capabilities similar to MTurk but providing access to new and more naïve populations. We examined two such platforms, CrowdFlower (CF) and Prolific Academic (ProA). In two studies, we found that participants on both platforms were more naïve and less dishonest compared to MTurk participants. Across the three platforms, CF provided the best response rate, but CF participants failed more attention-check questions and did not reproduce known effects replicated on ProA and MTurk. Moreover, ProA participants produced data quality that was higher than CF's and comparable to MTurk's. We also found important demographic differences between the platforms. We discuss how researchers can use these findings to plan online research more effectively, and the implications of the results for the study of crowdsourcing research platforms.

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