LAION-fMRI stimulus — Takedown

Requests to remove specific images from the LAION-fMRI stimulus set.

Two routes — please pick the one that matches your request. In every case, a **URL or even a short visual description of the image** is enough to start the review. You do not need to know our stimulus id or sha256; we will identify the matching items.

A. Rights-holder takedown (copyright)

If you are a rights-holder and believe a specific image should not be in the LAION-fMRI stimulus set:

1. Email the controller (address at the foot of this document) with: identifying information for the image (URL, sha256, thumbnail, or visual description) and a brief description of your rights claim.
2. We acknowledge receipt within **14 days**.
3. On a prima facie valid complaint, we **will restrict** further access to the item while we review, and act on the request — usually by removing the item from the next dataset version — within **30 days** of receipt.
4. When we remove an item, we publish a new dataset-version manifest and require downstream users to delete the specific item from their local copies under § 7 of the Terms of Use. The controller communicates the removal to all known recipients of the dataset to the extent practicable (Art. 19 GDPR analogue), via the public dataset-version change-log and a direct email to addresses on record for active access-request holders.
5. If you believe we have over-removed an item that you in fact had reason to make available for research use (a counter-notice), email the same address with your justification; we will weigh the counter-notice on the same timeline.

B. Data-subject request under GDPR Art. 17 (people in images)

If you are depicted in a stimulus and want it removed:

1. Email the controller (address at the foot of this document) with identifying information for the image (URL or visual description; you do not need to attach the image itself), and confirmation that you are the person depicted (or a legal representative).
2. We respond within **one month**, extendable to three months for complex cases (Art. 12(3) GDPR).

3. On a prima facie valid request, we restrict further access to the item while we review (Art. 18 GDPR).
4. We publish a new dataset-version manifest after the removal, same as for copyright takedowns.

C. Other data-subject rights

Beyond removal, depicted persons may also exercise rights of **access (Art. 15)**, **rectification (Art. 16)**, **restriction (Art. 18)**, and **objection (Art. 21)**. The same email address handles those requests. In practice we typically cannot link an arbitrary depicted-person request back to a specific stimulus without you identifying the image (see Route B step 1).

Source-corpus screening

The LAION-fMRI stimuli are drawn from the **ReLAION-2B-en-research-safe** re-release of LAION (post-removal of unsafe items identified by the Stanford Internet Observatory in late 2023) and further screened manually by the project team. If you believe an item passed both filters in error, please use Route A above and flag it explicitly so we can prioritise the review.

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