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**Frisian on social media**  
**The vitality of minority languages in a multilingual online world**

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1. The rise of social media has resulted in an increasing use of minority languages such as Frisian in the written domain for a larger number of people.
2. People should embrace any use of minority languages on social media instead of complaining about the quality of writing.
3. The context collapse on social media has a negative effect on the use of minority languages.
4. The sociolinguistic background of each minority language community should be taken into account when applying the conclusions of this PhD thesis to other minority languages.
5. Sociolinguistic and media research should combine surveys with studying actual language practices.
6. More attention should be paid to the routinization of language choice by minority language speakers.
7. Mainly due to minimal availability of corpora and tools in minority languages, social media research is too much focused on language variation in majority i.e. dominant languages.

8. Minority language governments should cooperate with big tech companies in order to ensure the inclusion of minority languages in new technologies.
9. Imbalanced proficiency in the majority and minority language leads to a lesser use of the minority language. Therefore, minority language policy should focus on good quality education stimulating the use and knowledge of the minority language.
10. This PhD thesis is a typical example of language hierarchy - power dynamics - in Dutch academics with a preference for English and Dutch at the cost of Frisian and other minority or regional languages.
11. A sustained use of minority languages in the future can be ensured by minority language dating sites.