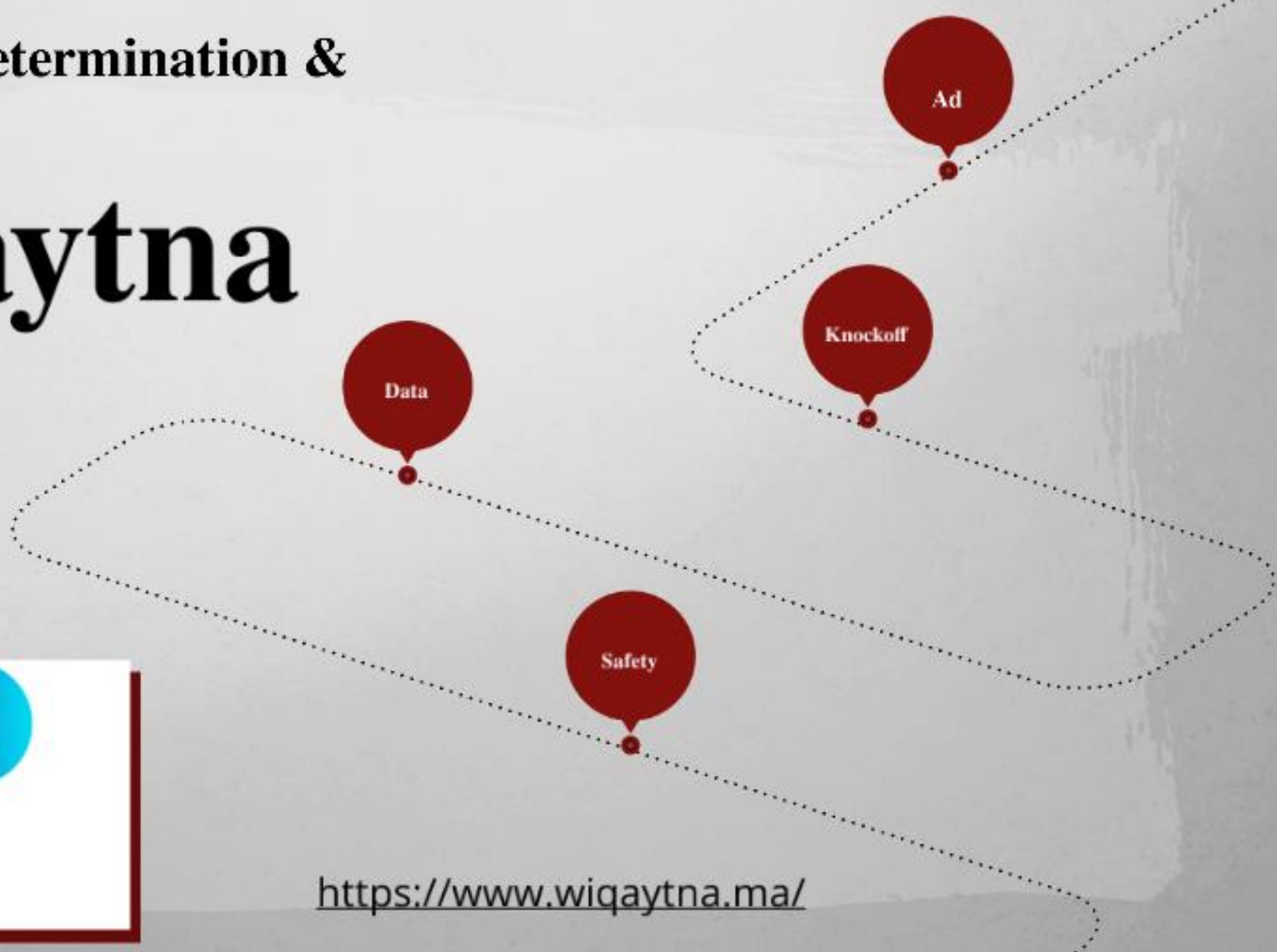


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Wiqaytna



<https://www.wiqaytna.ma/>

The App's unoriginality

The app has been re-branded from Singapore. The Singaporean app called "TraceTogether" has been issued to limit the booming spread of Covid-19 cases. The Moroccan government has rigidly used the app with a re-branded Moroccan version, but the settings are extremely different. Singapore has digital literacy while Morocco is still struggling with literacy, let alone digital literacy. The app has been issued during the forced quarantine which limits further its utility.



The Illusion of Safety

The Moroccan government has issued an app called "Wiqaytna" (our Safety) to trace people's everyday interaction and prevent the outspread of COVID-19. It has been launched on 12 May 2020. Although the app had failed because of the precarious Moroccan infrastructure, people believed the app could detect COVID-19. This has enhanced their sense of safety. Importantly, people downloaded the app and continued their everyday life without the necessary procedures. This is due to the vast digital illiteracy. Hence, from June onwards Covid cases had boomed. The illusion of safety was reinforced by the misinterpretation of app's capabilities

Personal Data

The app centers the citizen's ability to choose between acting upon notification and even giving the government access to personal data. The app does access the user's personal data. Although it does not directly identify the user, it assembles identifiable data of the user's preferences, visited places, home, names, and phone number. The amount of data which the user consent to give can determine more than Covid cases. The