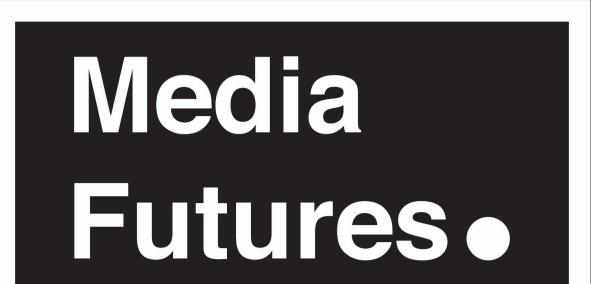
The Influence of **News Recommender** technology on **Selective Exposure** and Sharing.



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The Problem

Overly personalized **news recommendations** lead to greater levels of **selective exposure** and sharing.

These negative consequences are not given, but they could depend on **conditions** and **factors** under which news recommenders amplify or reduce selective exposure and sharing.

The Questions

RQ1: **How** can recommender algorithm be designed to shape selective exposure and sharing?

RQ2: **What** are the effect of promoting factors that are likely to influence selective exposure and sharing?

RQ3: **To what extent** our recommender system effectively steers users to "useful" recommendations?

The Plan

A novel approach to design a

recommender system that incorporates factors that shape selective exposure and sharing.

I will study different factors and conditions that may influence users' selection and sharing behavior. Afterward, I will design and develop a news recommender system and incorporate the relevant factors into the system. The system will be designed to promote factors that influence selective exposure and sharing. Finally, I will track the causal effects of the recommender on the user's selection and sharing behavior.

The Process **Understand Evaluate Prototype Test** Build a recommender system Construct hypotheses, define Validate in a lab experiment and run Understand the problem, investigate factors and conditions equipped with different factors the RS on authentic replicas of the success metrics, and conduct front pages of news websites and collect and analyze data that influence selective exposure. A/B tests. Validate externally on real-life Norwegian news websites (NRK and Aftenposten) when we draw confident conclusions

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