



Navigating Mis- and
Disinformation at an Older Age

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FILTER BUBBLE



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The filter bubble (exercises)

Instructions

- Divide participants into small groups.
- Each group must find one topical and important news in your country (examples of the topics are below). Start searching for the news sources that you normally use (or use the source that you might expect the news to be biased).
- In addition, look for other sources that have covered the same news (local news portals, major local paper, prominent social media aggregator etc).
- Tasks, choose the most relevant:
 - Identify the most prominent figure/statistic used in the headline and first paragraph.
 - Create a list of every group/organization or person quoted.
 - Find the articles and list the facts about the individuals involved that were included in the first three paragraphs.
 - Find the story and note the story's placement (front page vs. internal finance section) and the size of the headline.
 - Find the story and analyze the headline and lead paragraph's focus.
- Ask groups to identify what facts remained the same across all sources and where the "differences" appeared.
- Challenge groups to determine if they could detect bias in their first source only after seeing how other outlets covered the same event.

Possible topics to search for important news

- Start from today's front news
- Climate change (economic costs, industrial interest and ecological impact)
- Examples of corruption (recent highlights)
- Closing enterprises/organizations (economical situation, unemployment rates, other impacts)
- Public health (access to medical services, treatment of people with rare diseases, problems of disabled people, situation of the elderly)
- Handling of national debt and budget (national debt, increased costs, the issue of defense spending)
- The impact of social media (social media as a space of choice, impact on young people, mental health)

- Recent crimes that have shaken society (e.g. crimes committed by youngsters, espionage cases, probation)
- The rise of populism (rise of populist politicians/parties, setbacks to democracy)
- Examples of how AI is used as a part of business model (the most recent and useful examples)