Fanning the Flames of Hate: Social Media and Hate Crime

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Introduction

Related Research: Media and Violence

Radio
(Adena et al. 2012)

Movies
(Dahl & DellaVigna 2009)

Television
(Card & Dahl 2011)

Broadband Internet
(Bhuller et al. 2013)
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Related Research: Social Media and Polarization

1) Self Selection  
Sunstein (2018)

2) Interaction  
Oksanen et al. (2014)

3) Deliberation  
Sunstein (2009)
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Alternative Deutschland

1218 Likes

Comment

Facebook Post with Text

Facebook Post by Users

Nr. of Likes and Shares
Maybe there is a plot for German genes to be exterminated by the large streams of refugees. But what could be the reason, [revenge for] WW2?
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1. Evidence for relationship between hate speech on social media and hate crime

2. Mechanism for the spread violence likely to apply in other contexts (e.g. other countries and minority groups)

3. Focus on particularly negative example → a similar mechanism might work on the other end of the political spectrum

**Potential suggestion:**

1. Would caution against advocacy for censorship

2. Measuring anti-refugee sentiment on social media might help crime prevention

3. Development of counter narratives could help