

## Social and Political Effects of Digital Media

### Summary

We will review research on the way digital media affect both individual users and broader social and political outcomes. Topics may include (i) the political effects of digital news, including misinformation, echo chambers, and polarization; (ii) the behavioral economics of digital media including its effects on individual well being and mental health and the role of addiction; (iii) the impact of digital media on broader social outcomes such as crime; (iv) the role of digital media in non-democracies.

### Required Reading

- Allcott, Hunt, Luca Braghieri, Sarah Eichmeyer, and Matthew Gentzkow. 2019. [The Welfare Effects of Social Media](#). Working paper.
- Enikolopov, Ruben, Alexey Makarin, and Maria Petrova. 2018. [Social Media and Protest Participation: Evidence from Russia](#). R&R at *Econometrica*.
- Yang, David Y. Forthcoming [The Impact of Media Censorship: 1984 or Brave New World?](#) *American Economic Review*.