

# Fake News Detection

This AI technology, will be able to detect if the news article is fake or real. It is a popular topic and there are many tools for fake news detection.

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## Impact on society

What impact is expected from your technology?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **What is exactly the problem? Is it really a problem? Are you sure?**

I want to begin with that this is a broad topic and within my challenge I will cover a small part of it about social media and the importance of trust in this tool.

The problem is, that nowadays there is the presence of fake news and misinformation in the media industry. The problem is indeed real and significant in the current information age. Several challenges are associated with misinformation, and media organizations are particularly vulnerable to its impact.

### **Are you sure that this technology is solving the RIGHT problem?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **How is this technology going to solve the problem?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **What negative effects do you expect from this technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In what way is this technology contributing to a world you want to live in?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the impact of this technology on society (by filling out the questions above), what improvements would you like to make to the technology? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Hateful and criminal actors

What can bad actors do with your technology?

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### **In which way can the technology be used to break the law or avoid the consequences of breaking the law?**

It is important to note that technology itself is neutral; only the intentions and actions of individuals determine whether it will be used legally or illegally. Legal frameworks and law agencies are constantly adapting to evolving technological issues and reducing the likelihood of inappropriate use. Ethical considerations, responsible development, and robust regulation are necessary to minimize the negative effects of technology use in breaking the law and avoiding legal consequences.

### **Can fakers, thieves or scammers abuse the technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Can the technology be used against certain (ethnic) groups or (social) classes?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In which way can bad actors use this technology to pit certain groups against each other? These groups can be, but are not constrained to, ethnic, social, political or religious groups.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **How could bad actors use this technology to subvert or attack the truth?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about how bad actors can impact this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Privacy

Are you considering the privacy & personal data of the users of your technology?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **Does the technology register personal data? If yes, what personal data?**

The technology itself doesn't register or store personal data unless explicitly designed and programmed to do so for specific functionalities. The behaviour of technology, particularly in terms of data collection, largely depends on the purpose, design, and implementation of the software or system.

### **Do you think the technology invades the privacy of the stakeholders? If yes, in what way?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Is the technology is compliant with prevailing privacy and data protection law? Can you indicate why?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Does the technology mitigate privacy and data protection risks/concerns (privacy by design)? Please indicate how.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In which way can you imagine a future impact of the collection of personal data?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about privacy and data protection, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Human values

How does the technology affect your human values?

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### **How is the identity of the (intended) users affected by the technology?**

This technology will affect human values, because this tool is about big topic News and every person have own opinions, hence this tool can affect some kind of relationship between people. Because everything based on trust and people's opinions. The tool can change people perspectives on news in bad or good ways, because it is related to trust. Transparency and trust here goes hand in hand.

### **How does the technology influence the users' autonomy?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **What is the effect of the technology on the health and/or well-being of users?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the impact of your technology on human values, what improvements would you like to make to the technology? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Stakeholders

Have you considered all stakeholders?

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**Who are the main users/targetgroups/stakeholders for this technology? Think about the intended context by answering these questions.**

### Name of the stakeholder

Social Media Organizations - Primary stakeholder for this project

### How is this stakeholder affected?

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### Did you consult the stakeholder?

No

### Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?

No

### Name of the stakeholder

Fact-Checking Organizations

### How is this stakeholder affected?

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### Did you consult the stakeholder?

No

### Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?

No

### Name of the stakeholder

Individual Users

### How is this stakeholder affected?

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### Did you consult the stakeholder?

No

### Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?

No

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Name of the stakeholder  
Legal and Ethical Advocates

**How is this stakeholder affected?**

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**Did you consult the stakeholder?**

No

**Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?**

No

**Name of the stakeholder**

Media Organizations

**How is this stakeholder affected?**

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**Did you consult the stakeholder?**

No

**Are you going to take this stakeholder into account?**

No

**Did you consider all stakeholders, even the ones that might not be a user or target group, but still might be of interest?**

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**Now that you have thought hard about all stakeholders, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Data

Is data in your technology properly used?

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### **Are you familiar with the fundamental shortcomings and pitfalls of data and do you take this sufficiently into account in the technology?**

In my case, I have data which consist mostly US news articles, I have around 40K news articles, and they are divided into 50% fake news and 50% real news, plus I have official labels.

### **How does the technology organize continuous improvement when it comes to the use of data?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **How will the technology keep the insights that it identifies with data sustainable over time?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **In what way do you consider the fact that data is collected from the users?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the impact of data on this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Inclusivity

Is your technology fair for everyone?

*This category is only partial filled.*

## Will everyone have access to the technology?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

## Does this technology have a built-in bias?

Yes, fake news detection technology can have built-in bias, and it's a critical consideration in the development and deployment of such systems. Bias in fake news detection can manifest in several ways:

- Labeling Bias
- Training Data Bias
- Content Bias
- Cultural Bias

## Does this technology make automatic decisions and how do you account for them?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

## Is everyone benefitting from the technology or only a a small group?

### Do you see this as a problem? Why/why not?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

## Does the team that creates the technology represent the diversity of our society?

*This question has not been answered yet.*

## Now that you have thought hard about the inclusivity of the technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Transparency

Are you transparent about how your technology works?

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### **Is it explained to the users/stakeholders how the technology works and how the business model works?**

Organizations should strive for AI transparency to reduce risk, increase fairness, and satisfy regulatory and compliance laws.

This tool is represented as a web page, for a user with no technical background will be hard to understand how the tool is performing, but it is using BERT model which is made for text classification problems and which is working only with the text data. And it is trained on 40K articles with the provided labels and model accuracy is ~90%

### **If the technology makes an (algorithmic) decision, is it explained to the users/stakeholders how the decision was reached?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Is it possible to file a complaint or ask questions/get answers about this technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Is the technology (company) clear about possible negative consequences or shortcomings of the technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the transparency of this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Sustainability

Is your technology environmentally sustainable?

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### **In what way is the direct and indirect energy use of this technology taken into account?**

The energy use of fake news detection technology is a crucial factor for sustainability. Strategies include optimizing algorithms and hardware efficiency, choosing energy-efficient data centres, ensuring a device's long lifespan, and minimizing data transmission. So that will take more time and a lot of energy. Efficient user interface design and the use of cloud providers prioritizing renewable energy sources also play a role.

### **Do you think alternative materials could have been considered in the technology?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Do you think the lifespan of the technology is realistic?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **What is the hidden impact of the technology in the whole chain?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

### **Now that you have thought hard about the sustainability of this technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

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## Future

Did you consider future impact?

*This category is only partial filled.*

### **What could possibly happen with this technology in the future?**

In the future, fake news detection technology is likely to improve in accuracy through advancements in artificial intelligence. It may incorporate multimodal analysis, considering various forms of content like images and videos. There could be a focus on explainable AI, providing clear explanations for detection decisions. Addressing ethical concerns and privacy issues will remain crucial in the development of this technology.

**Sketch a or some future scenario (s) (20-50 years up front) regarding the technology with the help of storytelling. Start with at least one utopian scenario.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Sketch a or some future scenario (s) (20-50 years up front) regarding the technology with the help of storytelling. Start with at least one dystopian scenario.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Would you like to live in one of this scenario's? Why? Why not?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**What happens if the technology (which you have thought of as ethically well-considered) is bought or taken over by another party?**

*This question has not been answered yet.*

**Impact Improvement: Now that you have thought hard about the future impact of the technology, what improvements would you like to make? List them below.**

*This question has not been answered yet.*