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Abstract: While the information crisis is widely acknowledged, academic knowledge on the depth, extent and detailed manifestation of this crisis is lacking due to an evidence and research deficit. This project aims to narrow this knowledge gap by generating a deeper understanding of the role of disinformation in citizens' everyday media consumption. We investigate how the impact of disinformation is mitigated by citizens' media use, socio-demographics and psychological dispositions. We refer to the interplay between forms of disinformation and the ways in which citizens are able to deal with them as disinformation dynamics. We will investigate the various factors that can explain people's acceptability of and critical attitude towards disinformation. The resulting rich empirical data will in a best case scenario inform the development and training of machine-learning algorithms for detecting disinformation undertaken by partners in our network.

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