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Regulating Social Media: Social Trust, Algorithms and Human Nature.

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In the wake of the US capitol riots, a majority of Canadians are now feeling that government should intervene, to “fix” the problems of social media. Most proposals to regulate social media revolve around limiting mis/disinformation. This approach carries with it an assumption: That people are more or less rational and that by improving the quality of information they will be inclined to act according to the tenants of a democratic society.

This short discussion provides an overview of the popular proposals for regulating social media, an exploration into some of the challenges associated with current proposals, and finally, asks whether new theories on social trust might provide insight into what will be the effectiveness of current regulatory trends.

In his doctoral work, **Kurtis Boyer** explored how empathy and altruistic behaviour become disengaged or misdirected under certain political conditions.

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