Social Media and COVID: Fighting Disinformation

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Strategies

Agenda

Lie Machines

COVID-19

Global Trends

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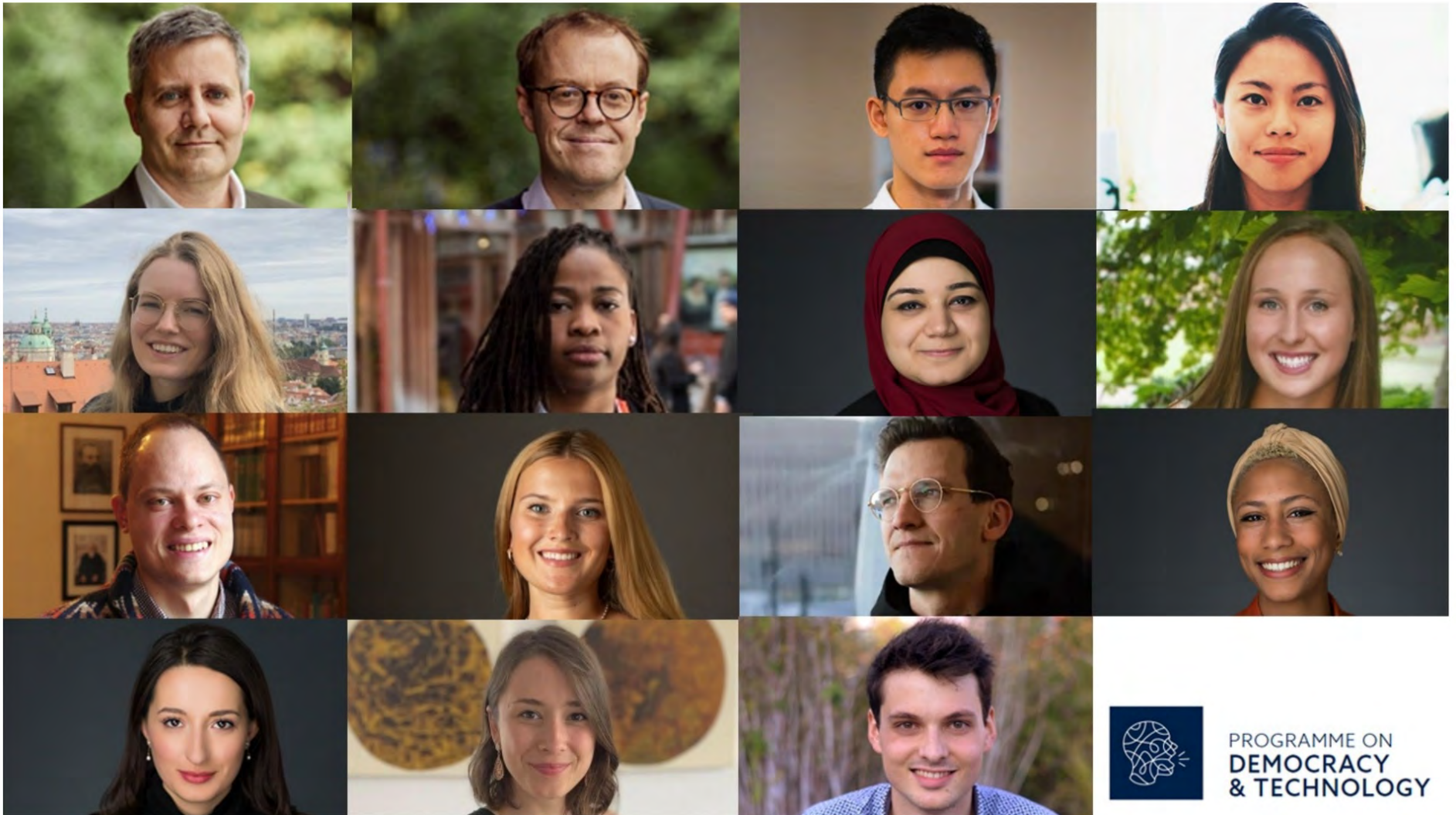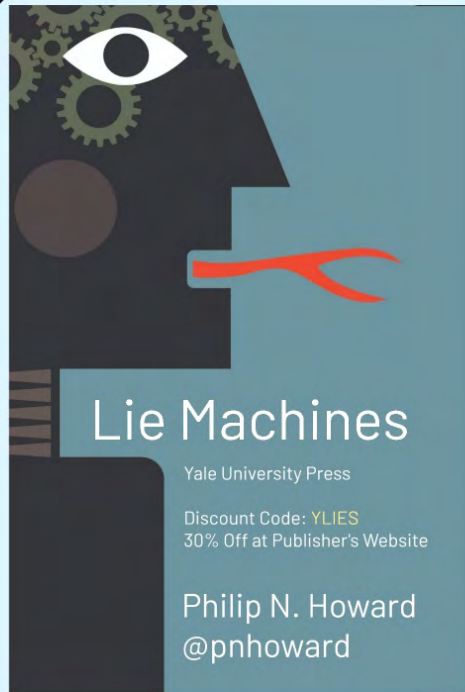4. COVID-19
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Mission

Partners

Our mission is to increase civic engagement and solve public problems through social data science.

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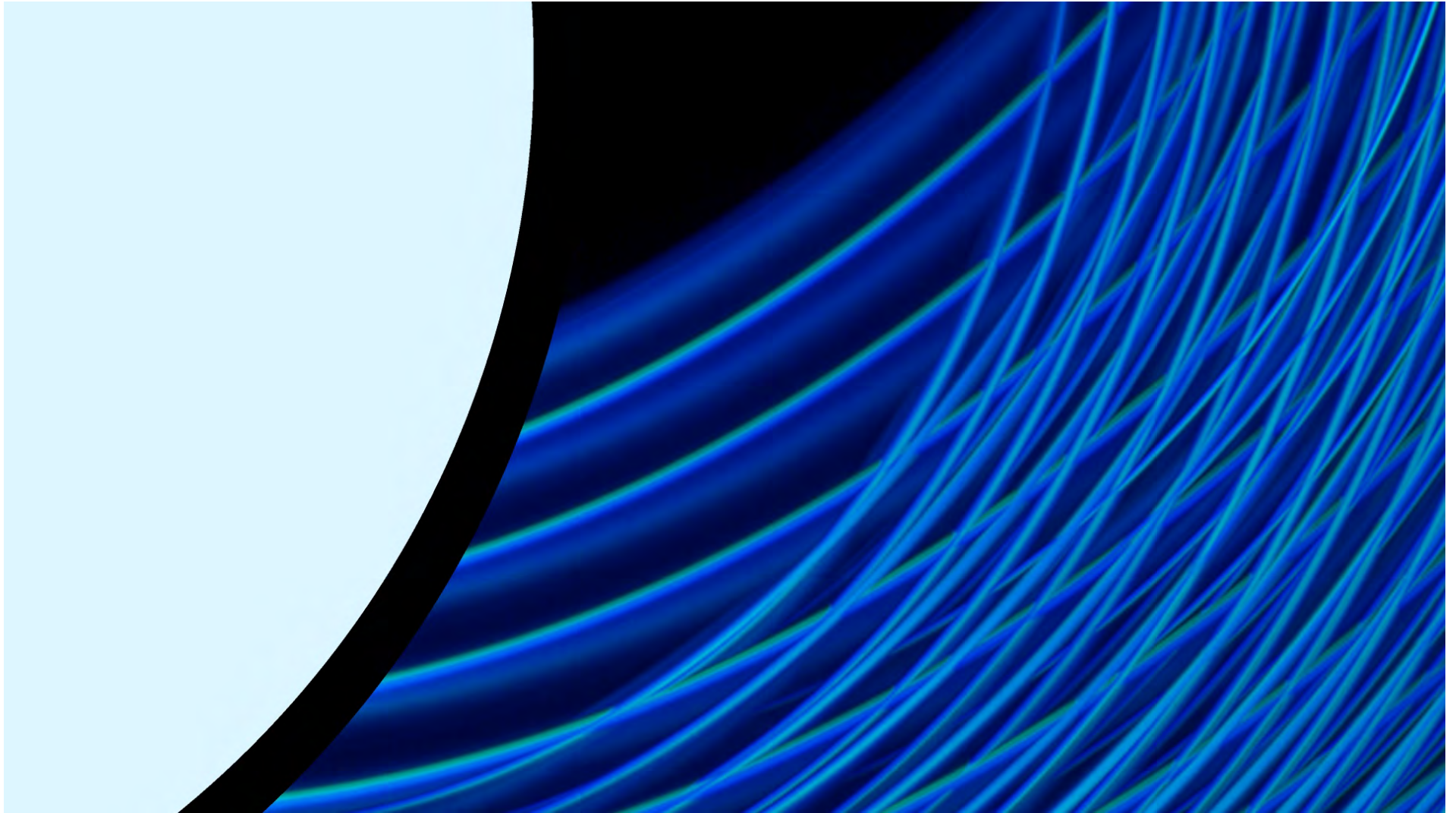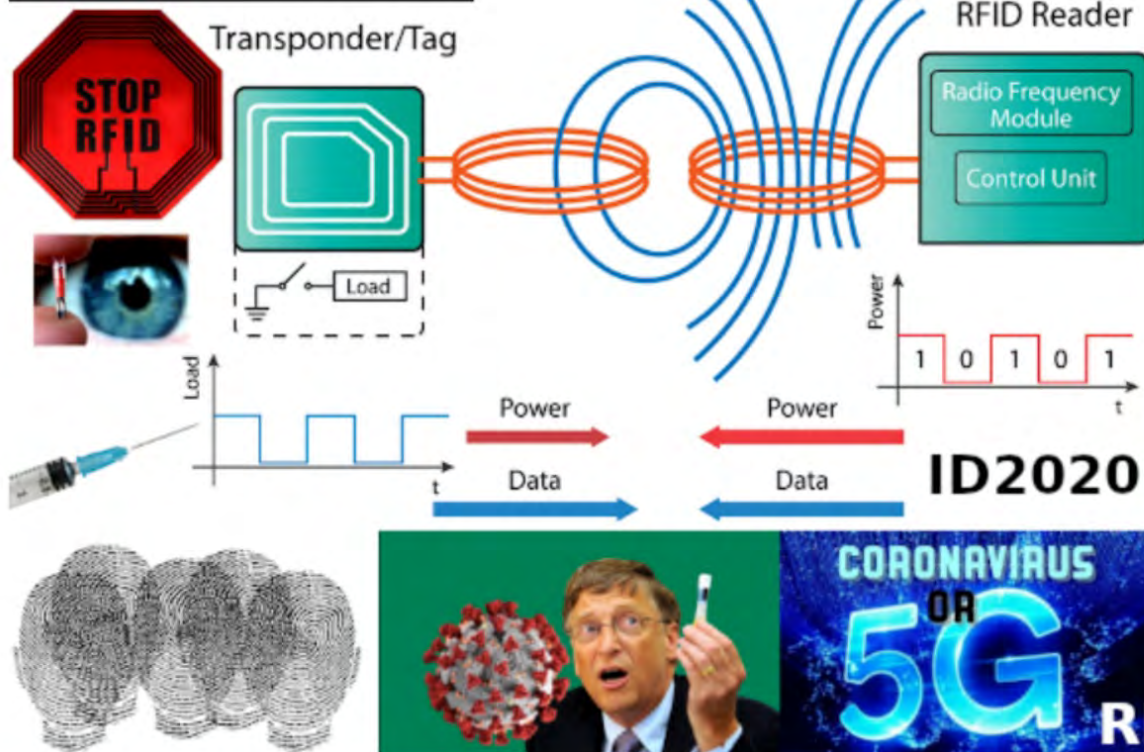
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STOP RFID

Transponder/Tag

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Electromagnetic field

RFID Reader

Radio Frequency Module

Control Unit

Power

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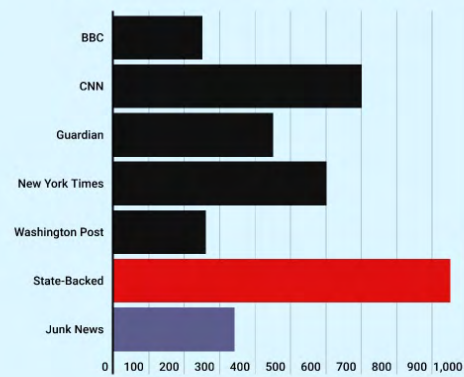Load

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Power

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Nano-particles, RFID can be activated by 5G microwaves in the human body, so someone can influence them, control them, change our information field, quantum field or our DNA This is so call "Neural Mesh" or NanoCore network. All data are collected and algorithms are used on them – abused A.I.. Activation of nano-particles can be done via 5G ground stations or via satellites.

VACCINES

CORONAVIRUS OR 5G

RFID are inside vaccines

Junk COVID-19 News Reaches Far

Profiting From The Pandemic

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- disseminate disinformation about public health.

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    (b) tracker systems
    (c) cross-platform integration tools

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CNN											
Guardian											
New York Times											
Washington Post											
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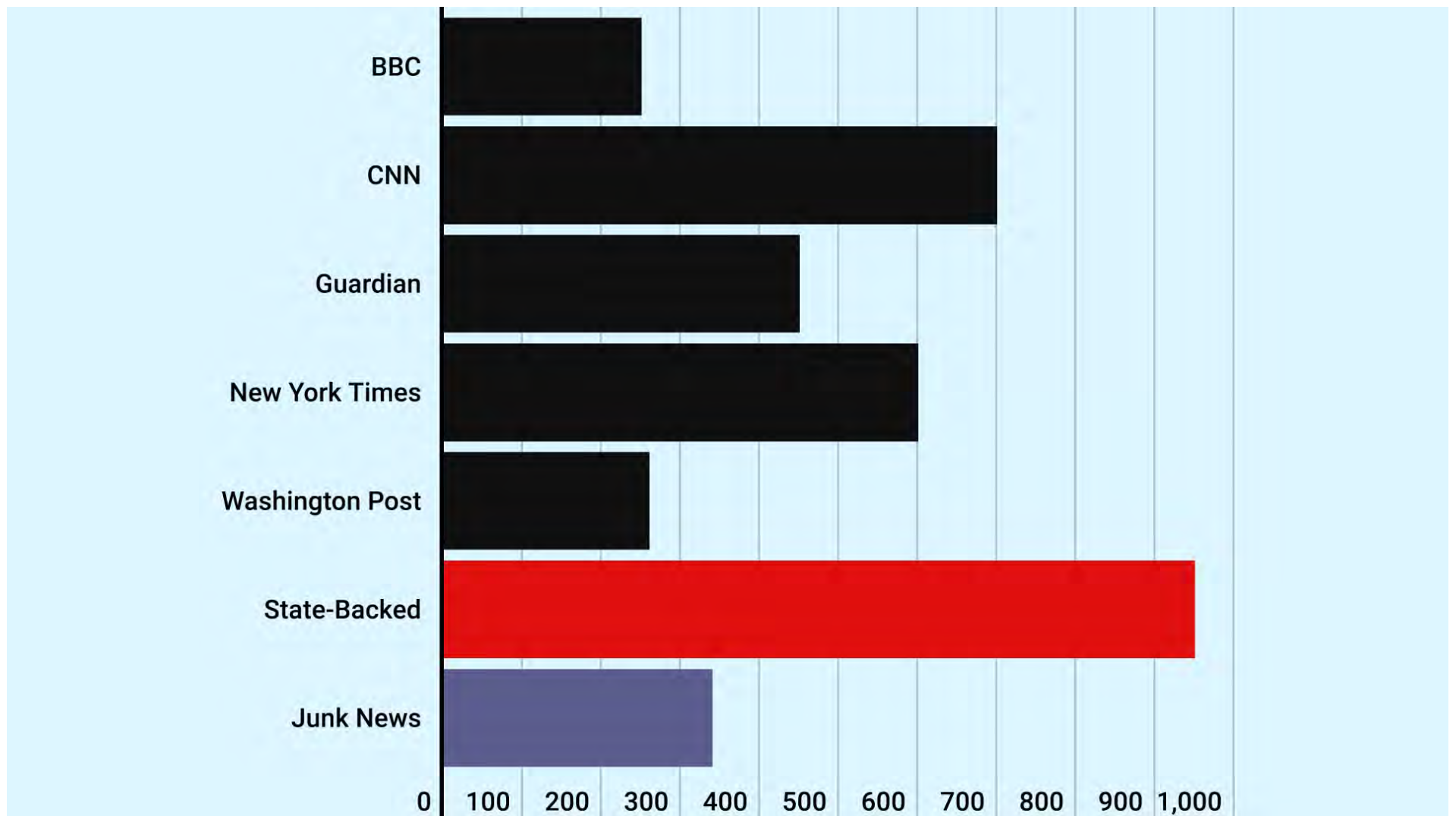- disseminate disinformation about public health.

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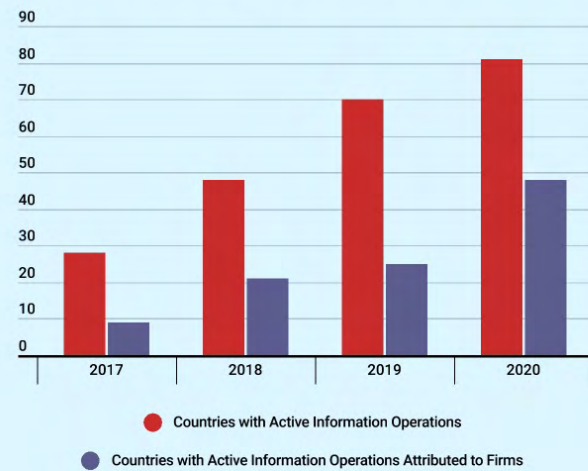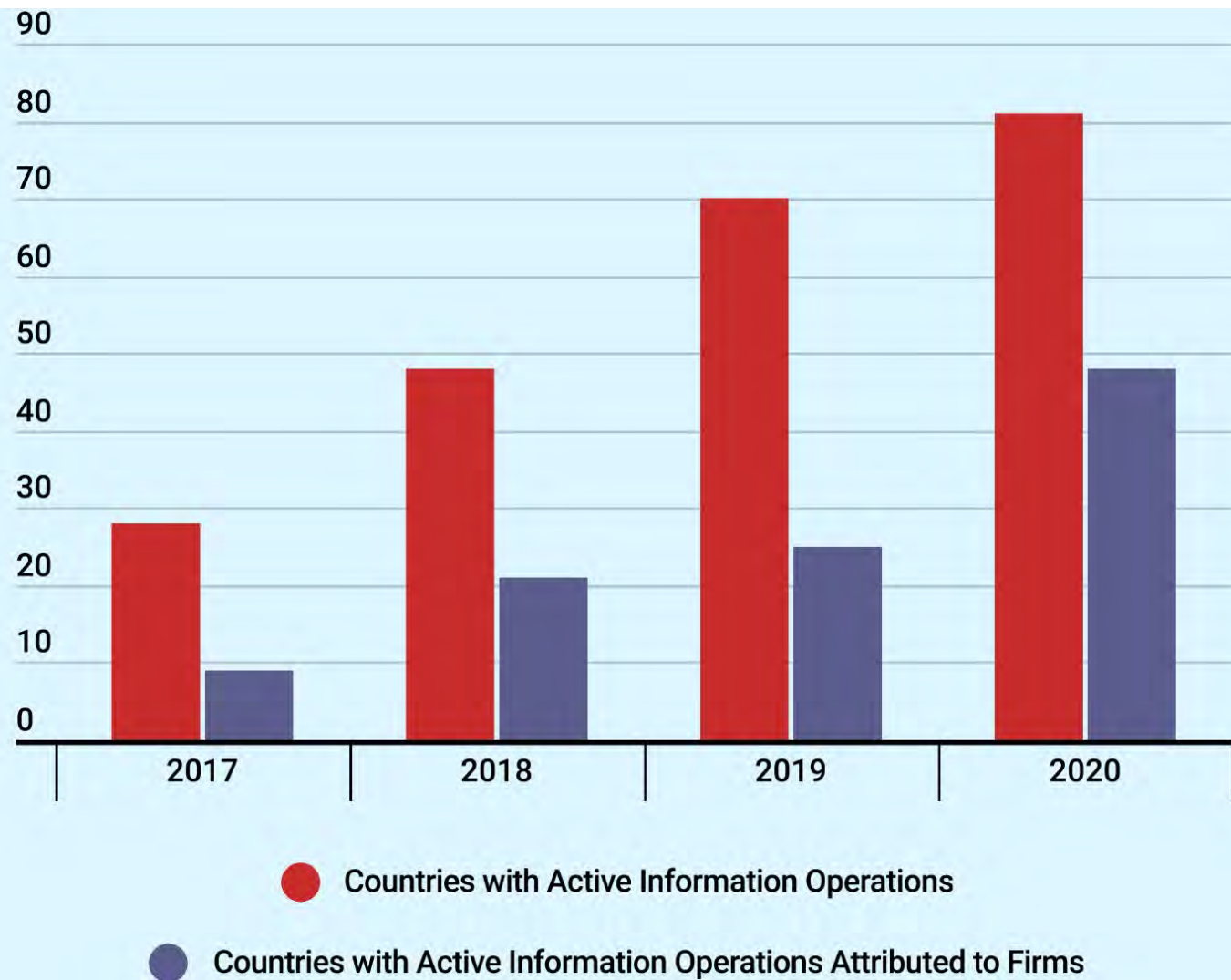   (a) behavioral analytics
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Theory

Right to Truth?

Strategies

Our strategy for improving the global information environment needs to put the best social data science to work for human rights and development in an *International Panel on the Information Environment*.

IPIE

Practice

Pursue

Training Data

Report Ultimate Beneficiary
Data Donation
Infrastructure that Tithes
Extended Nonprofit Rule

Algorithmic Audits

A Right to the Truth?

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