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## **Does Journalism Reflect Polarized Online Networks? A Comparative Analysis of the Discourse on the "Last Generation" Climate Protest Movement in (Social) Media**

While science emphasizes the urgency of addressing the climate crisis, political actions to combat climate change lag. Numerous climate protest movements have emerged in recent years. However, "The Last Generation," stood out in recent German media coverage.

Our research focuses on the discourse around this climate protest group, which gained significant attention due to their disruptive, potentially polarizing protest methods.

Our project analyzes German Twitter discourse (1,400,000 tweets) and media coverage (7,000 articles) about the movement. We employ automated network analyses, manual codings, and automated methods such as transformer-based classifiers. Preliminary findings reveal polarization of community structures and content in (online) media, with extreme frames being propagated by right-wing actors and media like AfD politicians, the Bild, or Junge Freiheit.

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