

Politics in the Age of Tech

Articles

- 1) Facebook & Myanmar:
<https://www.wired.com/story/how-facebooks-rise-fueled-chaos-and-confusion-in-myanmar/>
- 2) WhatsApp & Brazil:
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- 3) Google & China:
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/08/22/technology/google-china-conventionality.html>
- 4) Why Am I Seeing This? Interesting Facebook Ads From Our Political Ad Collector:
<https://www.propublica.org/article/why-am-i-seeing-this-interesting-facebook-ads-from-our-political-ad-collector>
- 5) Despite Disavowals, Leading Tech Companies Help Extremist Sites Monetize Hate:
<https://www.propublica.org/article/leading-tech-companies-help-extremist-sites-monetize-hate>
- 6) Inside the World of D.I.Y. Ammunition:
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Questions

- 1) Summarize the article.
- 2) What is the ethical issue discussed in the article?
- 3) To what extent is the company to blame for the problem discussed?
- 4) What can the company do to alleviate the ethical dilemma discussed?
- 5) Is there anything the users of the given product can do to fix the situation?