

EAGER: SaTC: Early-Stage Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Fair and Accurate Information Quality Assessment Algorithm

Challenge:

Creating accurate Information
Quality Assessment Algorithms
(IQAAs) that perform equally
well regardless of ideological
leaning of the content.

Solution:

 Multiple approaches will be explored. For instance, the raw feature values for articles within left/right orientations will be normalized to get a withincategory relative ranking for the feature before it is used by the classification algorithm Creation of a large news article dataset labeled for both veracity and political alignment (left vs. right leaning)

An audit of multiple Information Quality Assessment Algorithms (IQAAs) in terms of their accuracy and fairness

A systematic post-hoc inductive analysis of articles mislabeled by IQAAs

Modification of the existing algorithms to support fair and accurate IQAAs

Scientific Impact:

- Perceived bias is a major barrier to adoption of IQAAs.
- Identify potentially systematic differences between how misinformation targets leftversus right-leaning audiences

Broader Impact:

- Help improve the security and integrity of our media, information, and political institutions.
- Results will be shared with news and media companies
- Interdisciplinary training for students in social sciences and data science.

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