



## Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
<b>Major Criteria</b>			
	Research question, definition of objectives	<b>10</b>	9
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	<b>30</b>	27
	Methodology, analysis, argument	<b>40</b>	38
<i>Total</i>		<b>80</b>	74
<b>Minor Criteria</b>			
	Sources	<b>10</b>	10
	Style	<b>5</b>	5
	Formal requirements	<b>5</b>	5
<i>Total</i>		<b>20</b>	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>100</b>	94



## Evaluation

### Major criteria:

The thesis deals with the EU's proposed regulation aiming at social media platforms. The conceptualization is highly novel, as it tries to frame social media as public utilities. This allows it to put into contrast protected public values and attacks on them that are carried out using the platforms as vehicles of mis/disinformation and other illicit activities. The applied methodological approach is convincing as are its results. The only comments I have regarding the empirical analysis is that the interpretation of results remains somewhat flat. This is, however, understandable, since the input data comprise mostly technocratic views on the matter that do not readily lend themselves to a deeper interpretation.

### Minor criteria:

There are no minor issues.

Based on the anti-plagiarism software checks, it is formally confirmed that the submitted thesis is original and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, does not, in an ethically unacceptable manner, draw from the works of other authors.

### Overall evaluation:

This is an interdisciplinary work that succeeded in enriching security studies with a new perspective on social media platforms and risks they pose for society.



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