



Diploma Thesis Evaluation Form

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Title: From Supreme Gentlemen to Incel Rebellion – Analysing the Radicalisation Potential of the Incel Community on Twitter

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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Research question, definition of objectives	10	10
	Theoretical/conceptual framework	30	30
	Methodology, analysis, argument	40	34
<i>Total</i>		80	74
Minor Criteria			
	Sources	10	10
	Style	5	5
	Formal requirements	5	5
<i>Total</i>		20	20
TOTAL		100	94



Evaluation

Major criteria:

The thesis examines radicalization processes inside the Twitter incel community.

The research question asks how the toxicity of tweets increases the likelihood of their spread in the community. The survey of the literature dealing with manosphere is robust and comprehensive, however, on the other hand, the link to radicalization and extremism is weaker. Diffusion and echo-chamber effects serve as key concepts and manage to ground the research design very well. The collected primary material covers an approximately 6-week period, resulting in a dataset of almost 53,000 tweets collected using several keywords. After some preprocessing steps, the final input dataset included 19,000 tweets from 10,000 users. Sentiment analysis is then used to measure the level of toxicity of individual tweets. The relation and role of the two independent variables of toxicity could be explained in a better way to make the use of sentiment analysis a bit clearer.

Minor criteria:

All minor criteria are observed in full.

Assessment of plagiarism:

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.



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Overall evaluation:

All in all, the thesis deals with a timely and novel phenomenon in online extremism and radicalization. It does so in a methodologically robust way, using a large sample of primary material and managing to confirm its research question. This is a well above-average piece of research.

Suggested grade: A (94)

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