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Paper Details

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Research topic: *	Public opinion and policymaking ▼
Keywords: (separate with commas)	public opinion, polarization, computer simulation, agent-based modeling, complexity

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Abstract: *
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We study possibilities of decreasing polarization by introducing new opinions into previously polarized public debate. We use agent-based modeling and computer simulations as a tool for our investigations, we base simulations on advanced version of Hegselmann-Krase model [2002]. In previous research we showed that also this consensus seeking model might produce severe polarization for certain combinations of openness of communication norms (OCN) and saliency of identity relevant opinions (SIRO), we also showed that complexity of public debate decreases polarization (i.e. the more opinions are discussed in consistent debate the less polarized final state of debate) [Kalvas et. al. 2022]. However, in this research we studied random initial state, agents' opinions were drawn from random uniform distribution. Therefore now we ask question: "When the state of debate is already polarized and if then we increase complexity of debate by introducing a new opinion, will this introduction decrease the polarization?" For addressing this question we simulate debates with 4 opinions discussed at once. Simulations start with 1, 2 or 3 already

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