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Project Idea Generation

IDEA 1:

Project title 1

Evolution of hate speech and misinformation during the Trump administration

What you want to do?

During his tenure as President, Trump has infamously exacerbated hate speech and misinformation online by either encouraging it, spreading it, or plainly refusing to condemn it. Due to this, I want to examine the evolution of these phenomena during his presidency and see how much his actions have contributed to them. Beyond that, Trump's use of social media is unprecedented for a president making it even more intriguing to investigate the influence that his presence had. We may also see how certain features of social media either combatted or contributed to this influence.

Why should we care?

I believe this project is worth pursuing because it can shed light on how much influence a president has over his constituents especially in the age of social media. As stated before, Trump's presence on social media is unprecedented for a president, making this type of analysis relatively new and unique. In the end, this analysis may impact the way presidents use social media in the future. It may also impact guidelines and rules established by social media platforms.

Keywords – To mark topic and domain of the idea.

Trump, President, Hate Speech, Offensive Content, Misinformation, Twitter

IDEA 2:

Reddit vs. The stock market

What you want to do?

I want to analyze how Redditors were able to band together and challenge the conventional rules of the stock market. For context, Redditors from a subreddit came together to buy stocks in companies that were on the verge of bankruptcy. The motive behind this was to challenge those who had bet on these stocks to fail otherly known as shorting and make money in the process. By doing so they were able to raise the price of these stocks tenfold causing hedge funds that were shorting these stocks to lose a lot of money and this hysteria ensued throughout the stock market. So much so, that a popular trading app where most of the trades were taking place stop allowing the purchasing of these specific stocks. This put the ordeal on a national scale where representatives and authorities started to get involved. Were still in the early stages of this situation and it will be interesting to see how it plays out.

Why should we care?

I believe this situation will have many impacts on institutions such as the stock market making it worth examining. Additionally, this was all started by a community on Reddit that focused on trading making a perfect example of the power and influence a social media community can exude. It may also change the rules and guidelines for Reddit and other social media platforms depending on how the situation plays out.

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Reddit, Stock Market, Stocks, Trading, Legislation