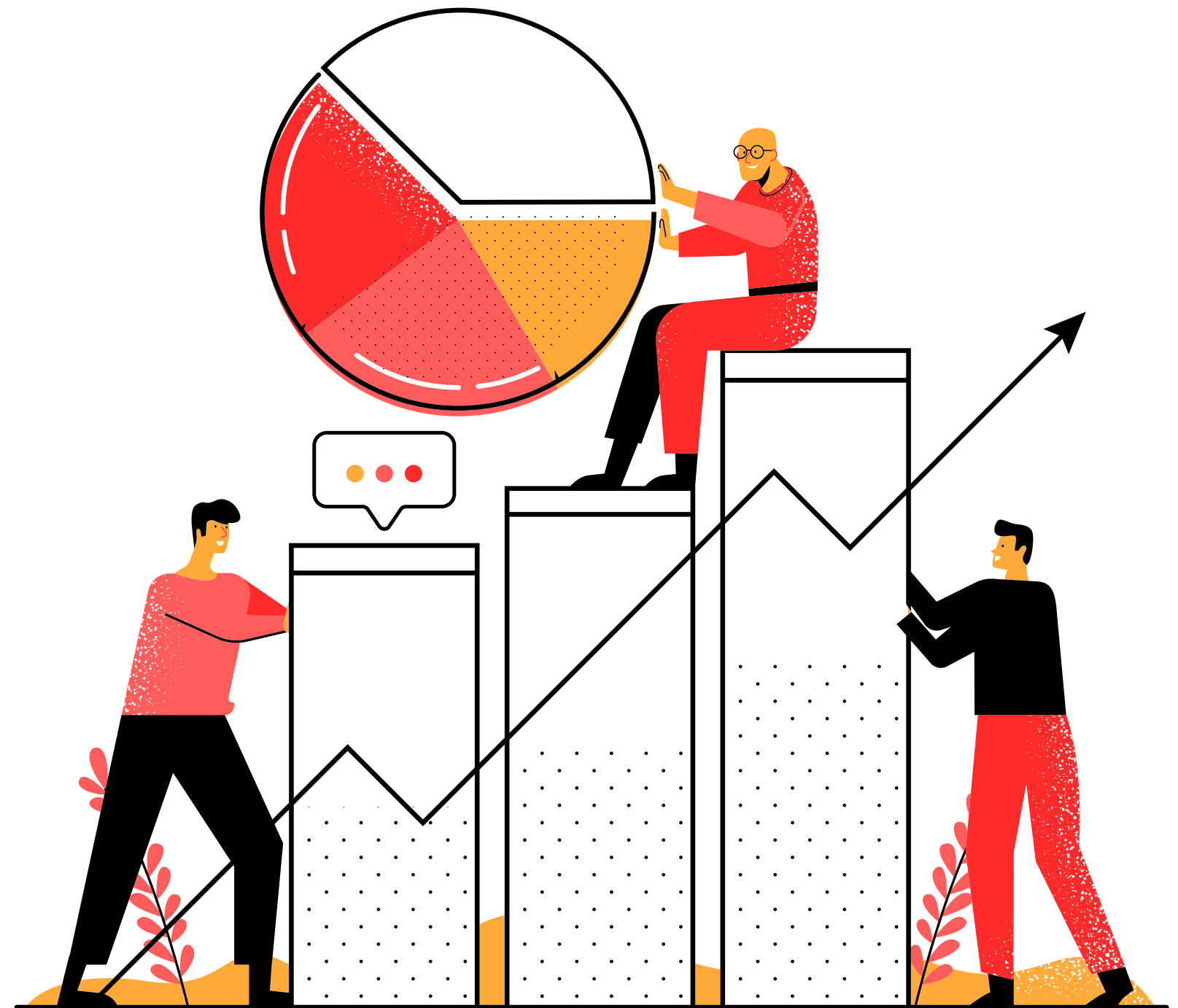


# **An attempt to develop a methodology for measuring filter bubbles in Google search engine**

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presentation schedule

- **problems of filter bubbles**
- **methodology of the study**
- **results analysis**





## filter bubbles

(E. Pariser, 2010)

- individual
- invisible
- based on the index
- no choice (we can not escape)

# DIGITAL TRACES

simple typology

demographic

geographic

behavioral

technology

age

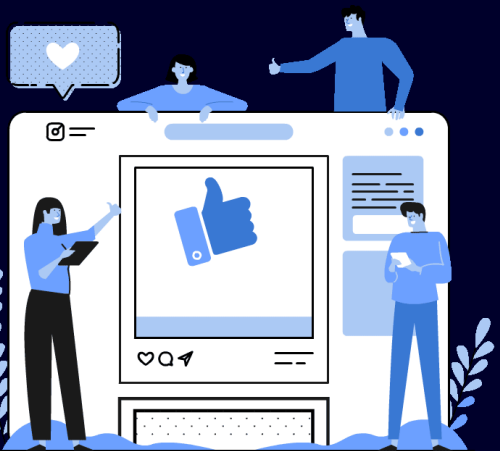
gender

location

who? What? how?  
when? where? for  
what purpose?

devices

os



# methodology

filter bubble



## build www

[googlebubble.uni.lodz.pl](http://googlebubble.uni.lodz.pl)

## developing a survey

the goal is to examine the results in the google search engine (normal and private mode) and try to find correlations between the political views of respondents

## collecting results

one day, one class, one search term

## results analysis

using the analytical program "R"

OUR STEPS

**Same-gender relationships**

**Termination of pregnancy**

**Concordat**

**Privacy**

**Data control**



# results analysis

search term: Paweł Adamowicz

research group: 105 students  
of the Faculty of Management,  
University of Lodz

correctly completed surveys: 73

collected url addresses: 730



# conclusions from the study

## CONCLUSIONS 1

more than a half of participants saw a unique set of results

## CONCLUSIONS 2

private search and normal search result sets do not usually differ

## CONCLUSIONS 3

the difference between normal and private search was lower for participants with less personalized search result sets



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