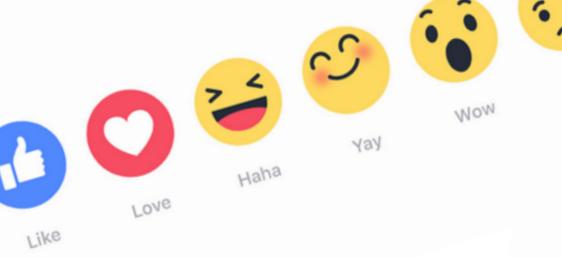
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Social Media and Impact of Likes

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https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCM-9BgRKfw







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What does a Like mean?

- We love 'likes'
 - But what does it mean?

"Like" is a way to give positive feedback or to connect with things you care about on Facebook. You can like content that your friends post to give them feedback or like a Page that you want to connect with on Facebook.

Why do we want to study?

- Ambiguity (makes social media mining an interesting and non-trivial topic)
 - Unlike likes or upvotes in youtube? (A thumb does not always mean the same)



Locality (YikYak)



Why do we want to study

- Likes mean different in different media (twitter vs. facebook or yikyak)
 - Domain dependent
 - Twitter: public, Facebook: private

Posts: Do they support or they are against it?



Why do we want to study

- Agreement with your emotions (and not the page/url shared)
 - So you cannot blindly see how many times this page has been shared and number of likes on fb

When do they do it? Some people don't like anything

Why do we want to study

Sentiment Analysis/Emotion Mining

Advertisements

Personalization / News feed

- FB is a recommender system and not a database
 - Just like netflix
 - Friends you just communicated

Social Issues

People like for empathy, but ...

Virtual Empathy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PVEsZrhOM_Y



Why like

- More people need to see this
- I don't know what to say
- Charity (Validation)
- Reciprocity

"If you don't like a bunch of people's shit, they're probably not gonna like your shit."

Beware of Likes

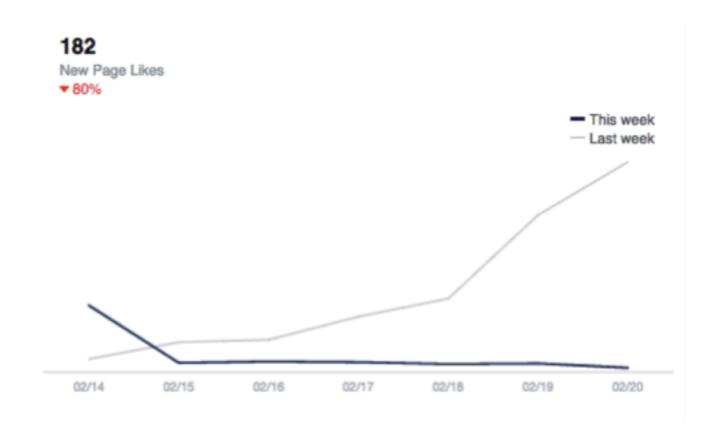
• Likes mean different things in every social media

Not a measure of importance

Not necessarily correlated to business



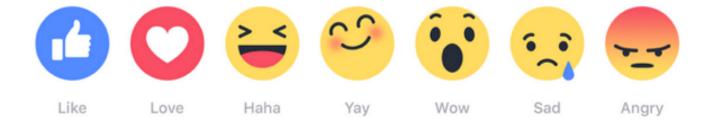
Likes vs. visits/talking about



Likes, upvotes, reactions, comments ...

• Reactions:

How would it impact comments?



Impact on brain

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-ybt_Sjrp8