



The role of feedback and NPOV on meme evolution in the wikisphere

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⇒ Assertion: *It is obvious that no human being can physically read six to ten billion news reports or articles each day, let alone even in his/her lifetime.*



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This compression factor cannot be avoided, unless the information from most people is ignored, or if the end reader is assumed to gain superhuman powers.



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- **corporate media model** (Herman & Chomsky): memes against the interests of the market are selected out

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- NPOV as **negative** feedback — stops spread of memes which cannot be traced to external sources (Wikipedia:NOR)



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data set:

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$$\frac{dN}{dt} \propto N \Rightarrow N \propto e^{t/\tau}$$

t is time, τ is a time scale



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