



Globalization, ICT and Media

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Agenda

- A new global era
- Digitalization and the new media landscape
 - Opportunities for the media industry ... And for corporations
 - Theats for the traditional media industry
- Role and responsibility of new digital multinational companies
- ▶ Takeaways and outlook



Learning objectives

- Understand how globalization is changing because of digitalization
- Understand the impact of digitalized globalization on the media industry
- Discuss the related risks for the media industry as well as for the development of a democratic and pluralistic society
- Evaluate the role and responsibility of multinational technology companies within this context



Guiding questions of this session

- What is the impact of globalization and digitalization on the media industry?
- What is the role and responsibility of multinational technology companies within this context?



Globalization & Digitalization

20 th Century	2 I st Century	
Tangible flows of physical goods	Intangible flows of data and information	
Flows mainly between advanced economies	Greater participation by emerging economies	
Capital and labor intensive flows	More knowledge intensive flows	
Transportation infrastructure is critical	Digital infrastructure equally important	
Multinational companies drive the flow	Small firms & individuals can play a role, too	
Flow of mainly monetized transactions	More exchange of free content and services	
Ideas diffuse slowly across borders	Instant global access to information	
Innovation from advanced to emerging economies	Innovation flows in both directions	



Global flows of trade and finance are flattening, data flows are soaring



Global flows increase economic growth

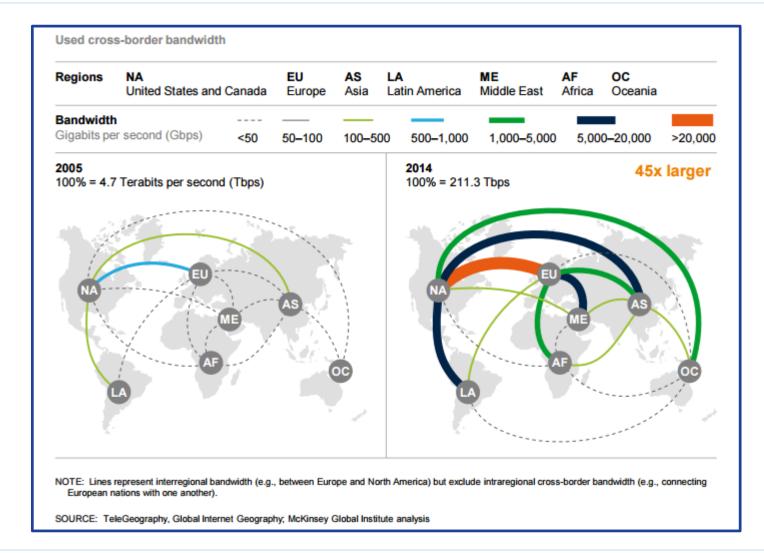
10% GDP increaseWorth \$7.8T in 2014

\$2.8T from data
Larger impact than goods

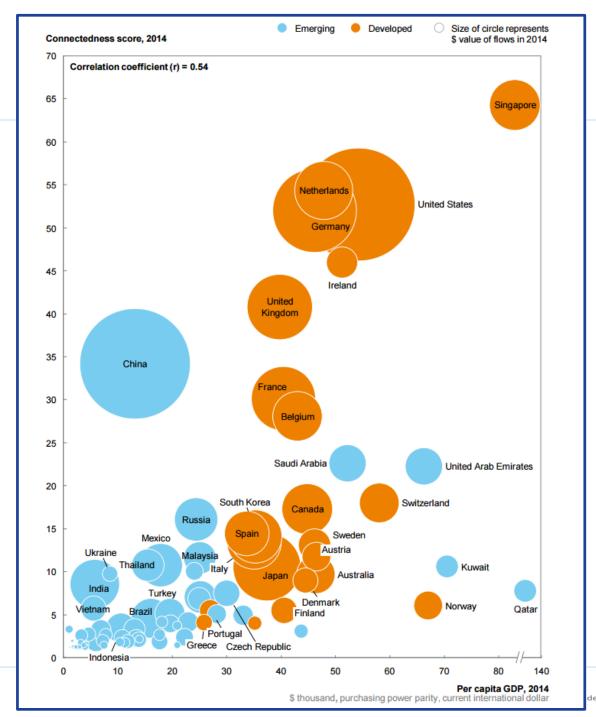
~50% potential GDP
For some countries by increasing participation in data flows



Cross-border data flows are surging and connecting more countries



A small group of leading countries are much more connected that the rest of the world





Digitalization & The new media landscape

Digitalization and impact on the media industry

Digitization

- Integration of digital technologies into everyday life by the digitization of everything that can be digitized (conversion of analogue data into digital form)
- It implies the integration of ICTs (telecommunications, computers as well as software and audio-visual systems) to enable users to access, store, transmit information
- It allows individuals and organizations to communicate directly and publicly with each other

Transformation in how print and audio-visual content is both produced and consumed

- New opportunities for new media actors
- New threats for traditional media companies



New opportunities for the media industry ...

- Non-profit organizations such as Wikileaks, ICIJ ...
- Pure players: Huffington Post, ProPublica, Mediapart ...











THE GREEN GOBLIN





Officials Ruled Inmate's 'Boiling' Death An Accident. **But Documents Show They Omitted Key Details.**



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PUISSANCE 4



Elon Musk a créé des entreprises sur 4 des 5 révolutions qu'il prédisait quand il était étudiant Et aussi: Sa start-up veut mettre des implants dans le cerveau pour le rendre surpuissant

Founded in 2005, bought by AOL in 2011 for \$ 315ML



Le débat sur France2 compromis après les forfaits de Mélenchon et Macron

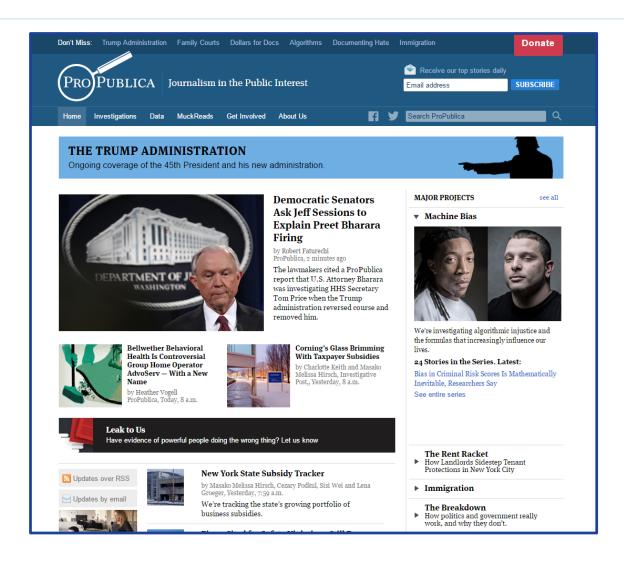


Pour sauver la cohérence de son mouvement, Macron fait le ménage dans

Françoise Hardy confie ses relations



Pro Publica and Mediapart, investigative journalism



ProPublica

- Non-profit, independent newsroom
- Founded in 2008 by Paul Steiger, former managing editor of The Wall Street Journal
- Now led by Engelberg, former investigative editor of The New York Times, and Tofel, former assistant publisher of The Wall Street Journal
- 50 journalists + publications in collaboration with traditional media
- Various Pulitzer prices
- Funded by philanthropic donations, even though they accept advertising and consider selling of data



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Mediapart

- Independent and participatory online newspaper
- Founded in 2008 by Edwy Plenel,
 Bonnet, Desportes, Mauduit
- About 74 permanent employees (50 journalists and 25 commercial employees)
- Profitable from 2011, now has Euro I IML of revenues (+9% growth) and I.9ML of profits (16%), +10% subscriptions (130'000)





VICE Media, from print magazine to digital immersion journalism

- A digital media broadcasting company
- Founded in 1994 by Shane Smith, Alvi and McInnes, originating from the Montreal-based VICE magazine
- Expansion into digital video in 2006
- First \$ 70ML from 21st Century Fox in 2013
- Launch of VICE News in 2014
- \$ 200 ML + \$ 200 ML from A&E
 Networks and Disney in 2014





Content Aggregators: Reddit, Flipboard ...

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The online news kiosk





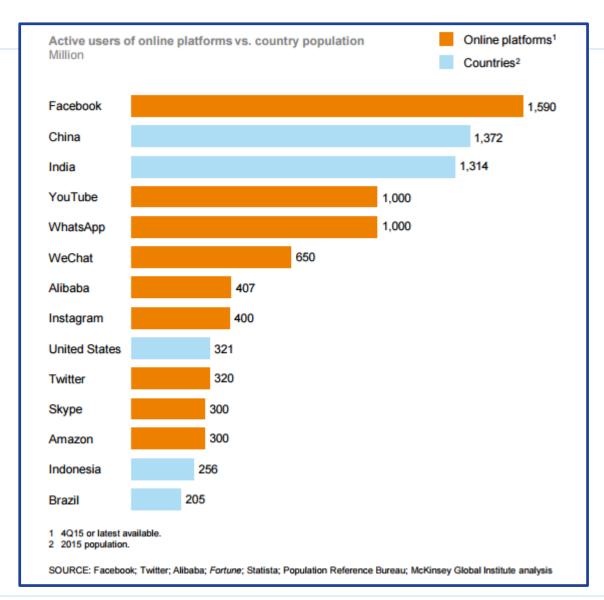
New opportunities within the media industry ...

- Video on Demand: Netflix, Hulu, Google Play, Apple iTunes ...
- Technology companies: Google, Yahoo, YouTube, Apple TV ...
- Social media platforms: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram ...

Social Media

The biggest online platforms have user data bases equal to the population of the world's biggest countries

- Facebook reached 1.86
 Billion monthly active users at the end of 2016
- We have now 3.5 Billion Internet users WW





New opportunities for CORPORATIONS

- Going beyond corporate publishing, disclosing branded content on their platforms or on third party channels
- Creating and sharing their digital content on corporate WebTV, YouTube channels, Facebook Fan pages, Twitter or branded blogs
- They bypass traditional media, directly competing with them for audience attention

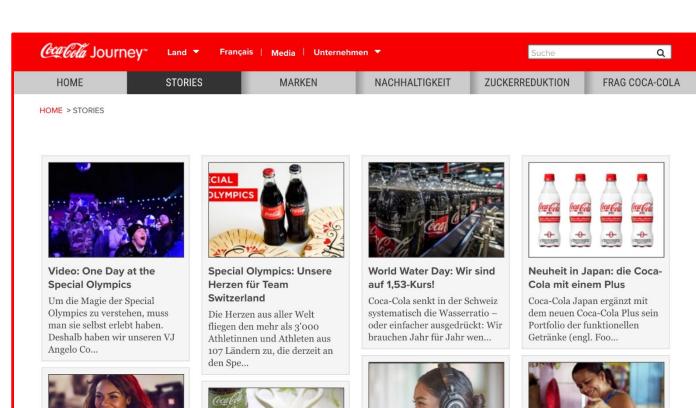


New opportunities for Corporations

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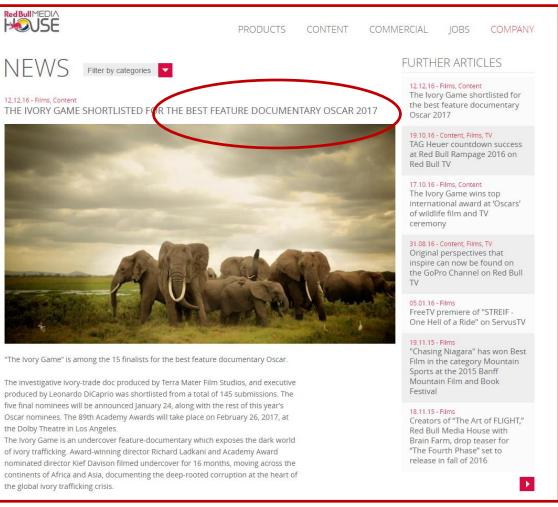
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New opportunities for Corporations

Red Bull Media House

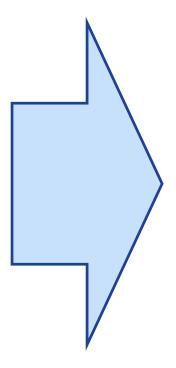




New threats for traditional media

THREATS

- With new ICT fragmentation of audiences and disruption of traditional media business model
- New competitors: Technology companies (in particular social media), new pure players and even multinational corporations
- Fake news sites are new competitors, too
- Ad-Blockers



EFFECTS

- Cost cutting measures
- Sponsored content, native advertising
- Collaboration with social media networks



- Decrease in quality content
- Loss of credibility / trust

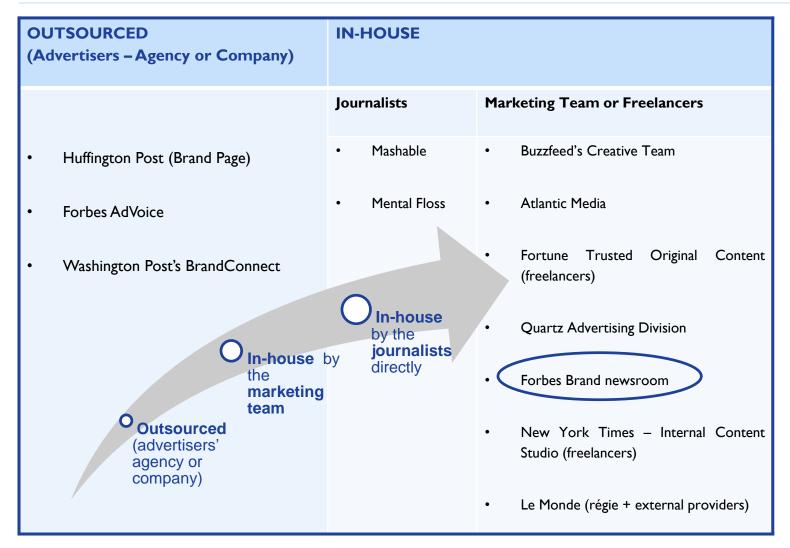


NATIVE ADVERTISING

According to a survey by the International News Media Association (156 media outlets in 48 countries)

- Revenues from native advertising reached 11% of total advertising revenues in 2015
- Expected to raise to 25% in 2018

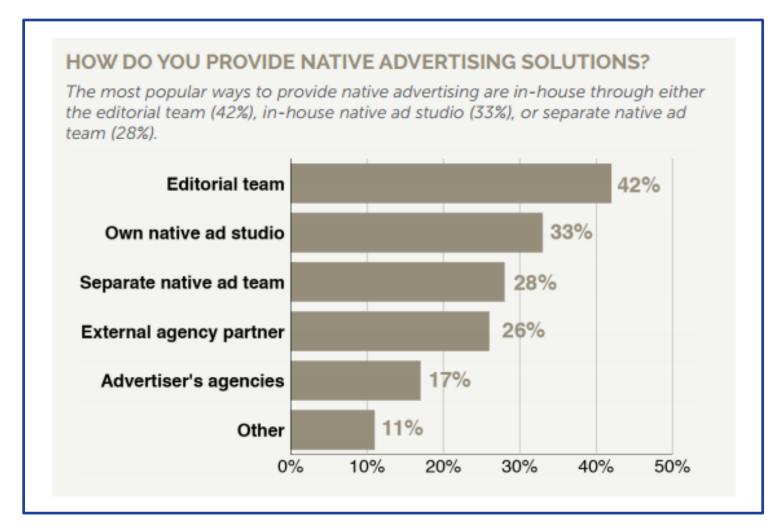
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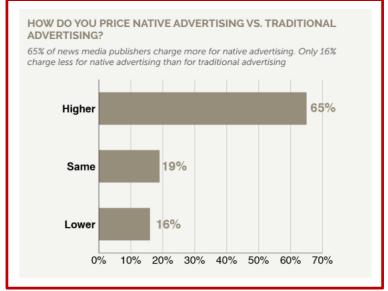
NATIVE ADVERTISING at Forbes

- Through BrandVoice
- 2nd revenue source, reaching 30% of its revenues in 2016





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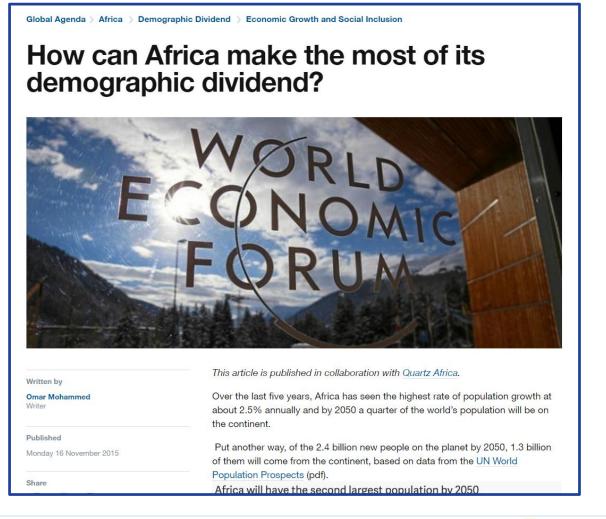
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CASE STUDY |

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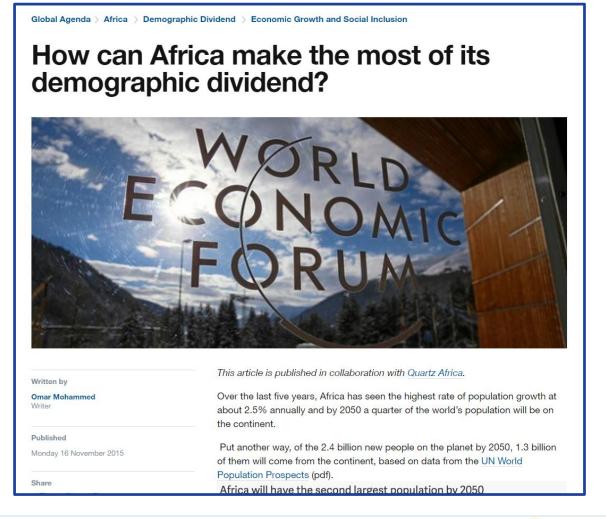
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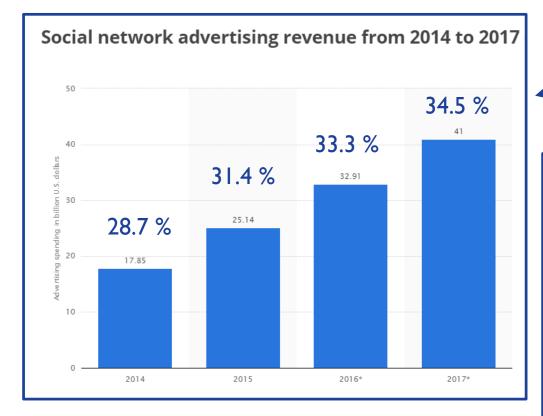
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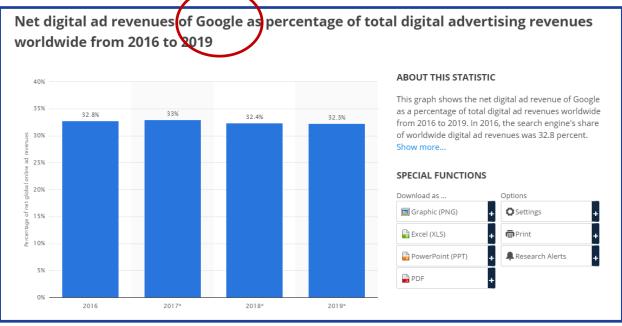
- The 2015 campaign won first place in INMA's 2016 Global Media Awards competition for its high-quality content.
- Bank of America reached Quartz's affluent and influential, globally minded audience of about 16.8 million unique visitors in December 2015.





Facebook reached \$ 6.8 Billion in Q3 2016, Up from \$ 4.3 billion in Q3 2015

Share of social media advertising expenditure as % of digital ad WW



Newspapers collaborate with social media: FB Instant Articles Program



- FB controls algorythm
- FB will propose stronger collaboration for local news, to train readers avoid hoaxes, let news firms post their own branded content
- Still, risk of cannibalization



Role and responsibility of multinational technology companies

Role and responsibility of new multinational digital companies

PROFIT MARGINS OF MULTINATIONAL TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES

- Facebook Profit Margin (Quarterly): 48.51% for Dec. 31, 2016 (20% average last 5 years)
- Alphabet Profit Margin (Quarterly): 20.46% for Dec. 31, 2016 (22% average past 5 years
- Apple Profit Margin (Quarterly): 22.83% for Dec. 31, 2016 (average past 5 years)

APPLE Employee Recruiting Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X9SK052cF3c





Tax avoidance

Apple ordered to pay €13bn after EU rules Ireland broke state aid laws

European commission says Apple got illegal help with tax breaks but CEO Tim Cook says ruling threatens investment in Europe



Tuesday 30 August 2016 15.33 BST



Why Apple is facing a €13bn tax bill in Ireland

Apple has warned that future investment by multinationals in Europe could be hit after it was ordered to pay a record-breaking €13bn (£11bn) in back taxes to Ireland.

The world's largest company was presented with the huge bill after the European commission ruled that a sweetheart tax deal between Apple and the Irish tax authorities amounted to illegal state aid.

The commission said the deal allowed <u>Apple</u> to pay a maximum tax rate of just 1%. In 2014, the tech firm paid tax at just 0.005%. The usual rate of corporation tax in Ireland is 12.5%.

A critical perspective





Role and responsibility of new multinational digital companies

Technology breakthroughs were almost completely dependent on government-sponsored research.

"While Apple products owe their beautiful design and slick integration to the genius of Jobs and his large team," writes Mazzucato, "nearly every state-of-the-art technology found in the iPod, iPhone and iPad is an often overlooked and ignored achievement of the research efforts and funding support of the government and military" (Mazzucato, Mariana: The Entrepreneurial State, Anthem Press 2013).

Both government research and entrepreneurial capital are necessary conditions for the advance of commercial innovation. But the consensus among many economists and politicians doesn't seem to acknowledge an equal role for government.

Takeaways and outlook

Some steps

- Amazon invested and acquired the Washington Post (now profitable and hiring journalists)
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is investing in Le Monde Afrique and other media projects
- Google is funding journalism and research scholarships
- Google is further financing a media innovation fund in France
- Facebook launched the Internet.org initiative + is helping news media diffuse their content

Other suggestions

- Mazzucato proposes the state to become more entrepreneurial, invest; however also to ask tax returns
- Media scholars propose other measures
- Governments are already taking some support measures to help the digital transition



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