Data Science Seminar Series
Thursday, February 3rd, 1:30-5:00 pm, Virtual Session

TITLE
Social Dilemma

DESCRIPTION
The Social Dilemma (2020) is a docudrama film. It goes into depth on how social media's design is meant to nurture an addiction, manipulate people and governments, and spread conspiracy theories and disinformation. The film also examines the issue of social media's effect on mental health (including the mental health of adolescents and rising teen suicide rates).
The film features interviews with many former employees, executives, and other professionals from top tech companies and social media platforms such as Facebook, Google, Twitter, Mozilla, and YouTube. These interviewees draw on their primary experiences at their companies to discuss how such platforms have caused negative problematic social, political, and cultural consequences. Some of the interviewees qualify that social media platforms and big tech companies have provided some positive change for society as well. These interviews are presented alongside scripted dramatizations of a teenager's social media addiction.

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