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Jakob Ohme argues that online social networks have become an important part of our democracies:

Facebook and other social media platforms play a major role in our political life. Many citizens receive their daily news from social media, while circulation numbers of newspapers and audience shares of news broadcasts are in [decline](#). This is especially true for young citizens. They live in a world in which news is not something they actively have to seek out. Instead, they rely on news finding them, through [push mechanisms](#) on social media platforms.

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