Hardly a day goes by without some new allegation that social media are undermining democracy. Actors across the political spectrum are \_\_\_\_\_\_ digital technologies to spread disinformation and \_\_\_\_\_\_ polarization. While “fake news” and hate speech \_\_\_\_\_\_ nothing new, the digital age has \_\_\_\_\_\_ , if unintentionally, an environment conducive to \_\_\_\_\_\_ . The potential of new technologies to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the human condition is beyond question, \_\_\_\_\_\_ the risks they pose to democracy \_\_\_\_\_\_ now increasingly apparent. Tech companies, governments, \_\_\_\_\_\_ citizens alike are grasping for solutions \_\_\_\_\_\_ a set of connected challenges. How \_\_\_\_\_\_ we deal with rapid online communication \_\_\_\_\_\_ makes well-timed disinformation easy to \_\_\_\_\_\_ and difficult to refute? How does \_\_\_\_\_\_ desire to create watchable content, which \_\_\_\_\_\_ often based on emotion and sensation \_\_\_\_\_\_ than evidence, fit with reasoned democratic \_\_\_\_\_\_ ? How do we identify the real \_\_\_\_\_ of information when the Internet’s anonymity \_\_\_\_\_ the origin of a post? And \_\_\_\_\_\_ the reach and market dominance of \_\_\_\_\_ and Facebook, are we, and \_\_\_\_\_ extension our political views and debates, captives \_\_\_\_\_\_ their algorithms? In one of his \_\_\_\_\_\_ initiatives before he passed away in \_\_\_\_\_\_ , former UN Secretary- General Kofi Annan \_\_\_\_\_\_ a Commission on Elections and Democracy \_\_\_\_\_\_ the Digital Age, which was launched \_\_\_\_\_\_ this month. In particular, Annan wanted \_\_\_\_\_\_ sound the alarm on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_ with few, if any, means to defend themselves against these twenty-first-century threats to the integrity of elections.

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