

Imagining Future(s) of AI-Driven Storytelling

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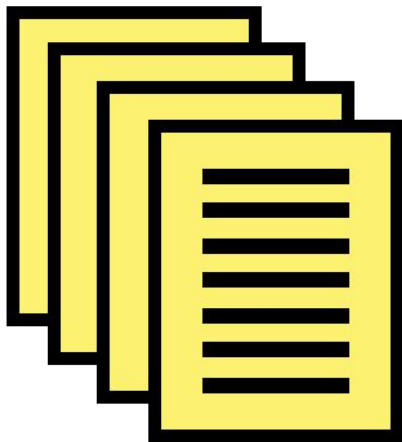
Computational Journalism Lab



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Story detection in a way that is **reliable, easy to verify, flexible**, and is sensitive to journalists' **time constraints**

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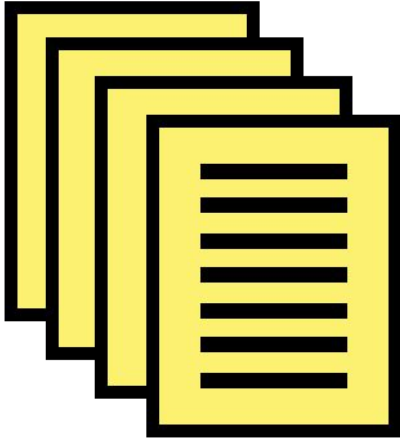
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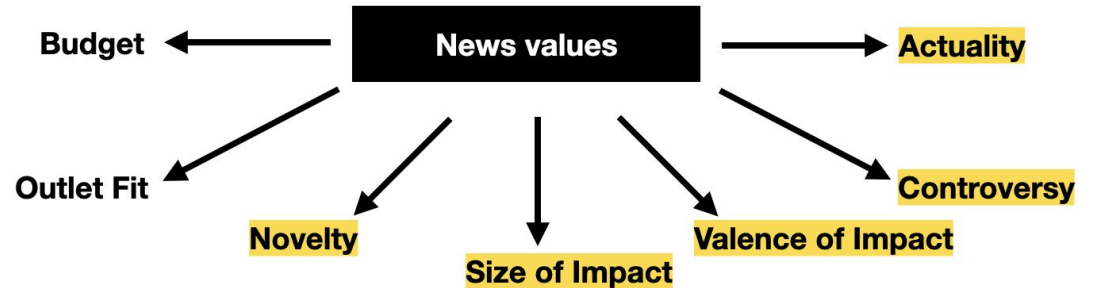
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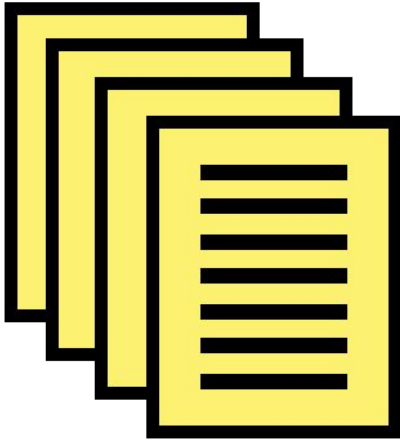
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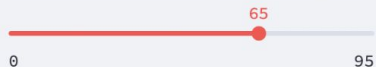
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AngleKindling (2023)

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AngleKindling sidebar

b₃ related content: 1/5

- > Main points of press release
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 - ✓ **b₁** 2. The housing plan might not do enough to help those who are struggling to afford their rent or homeownership.
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Press release

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"The mayor has put forward a proactive framework for achieving several objectives needed for a strong economic recovery, including fostering vibrant commercial corridors, encouraging sustainability, and creating more housing," said James Whelan, president, Real Estate Board of New York. "We look forward to working with City Planning and other stakeholders to see this framework come to fruition."

"Solving New York's housing crisis requires a new approach that incorporates all of the city, not just a few neighborhoods," said Tom Wright, president and CEO, Regional Planning Association (RPA). "RPA is excited to

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