

## CSC311: Post-Module Homework

In [“Beyond Engagement: Aligning Algorithmic Recommendations With Prosocial Goals”](#),

Jonathan Stray suggests that recommender systems might be improved by (1) shifting from engagement metrics to ‘well-being metrics’, (2) giving users greater control over their feeds, and (3) paying users for better data.

Pick one of (1)-(3). In a couple of paragraphs (250-300 words), argue whether you think this suggestion helps to address some of the ethical problems facing recommender systems that were discussed in lecture. (Your answer could yes, no, or even more nuanced than that.) Bring one of the concepts of *manipulation* or *echo chamber* into your answer.

Your assignment will be graded in the following way:

**Pass (1/1):** The assignment meets the required word count in a non-repetitive way, makes a reasonable attempt to use one of the two concepts, and gives a coherent argument for a position.

**Fail (0/1):** The assignment is incomplete; it either does not meet the required word count, or is significantly off topic, does not make a reasonable attempt to use the two concepts, or is not comprehensible.