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Meaning Change and Technological Communicative Assistance

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In the service of various social, political and epistemic goals, politicians, activists, and philosophers (among others) have often been interested in attempting to deliberately change the meanings of certain words. A range of proposals in recent philosophy, mentioned under the heading of *ameliorative projects or conceptual engineering*, recommend such changes, but likewise contend with concerns of the feasibility of implementing them. Many questions can be raised about deliberate meaning change projects. This paper focuses on the fine balance between the feasibility and desirability of such projects. In particular, we articulate how a variety of recent technologies, we subsume under the broad heading of *technological communicative assistants*, are poised to drastically increase the feasibility of such projects, while simultaneously decreasing their desirability.

All are welcome

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