

Final report of the panel survey in Mannheim/Ladenburg Germany

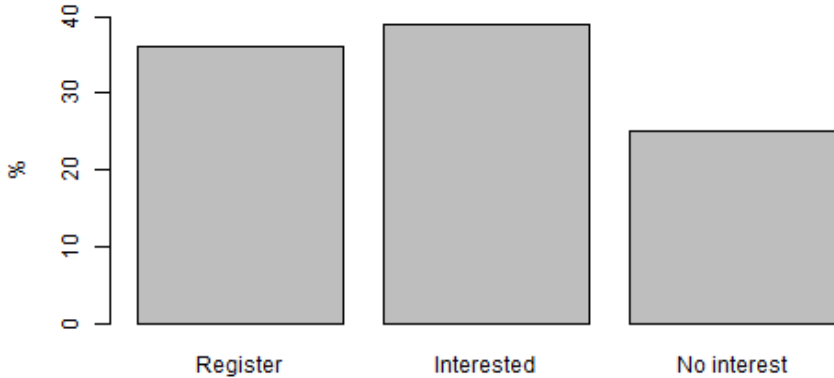
Descriptives of some key variables

Interest in a web-based participation tool

Did the flyer catch your interest? Yes:



1: Respondents younger than 26 years old

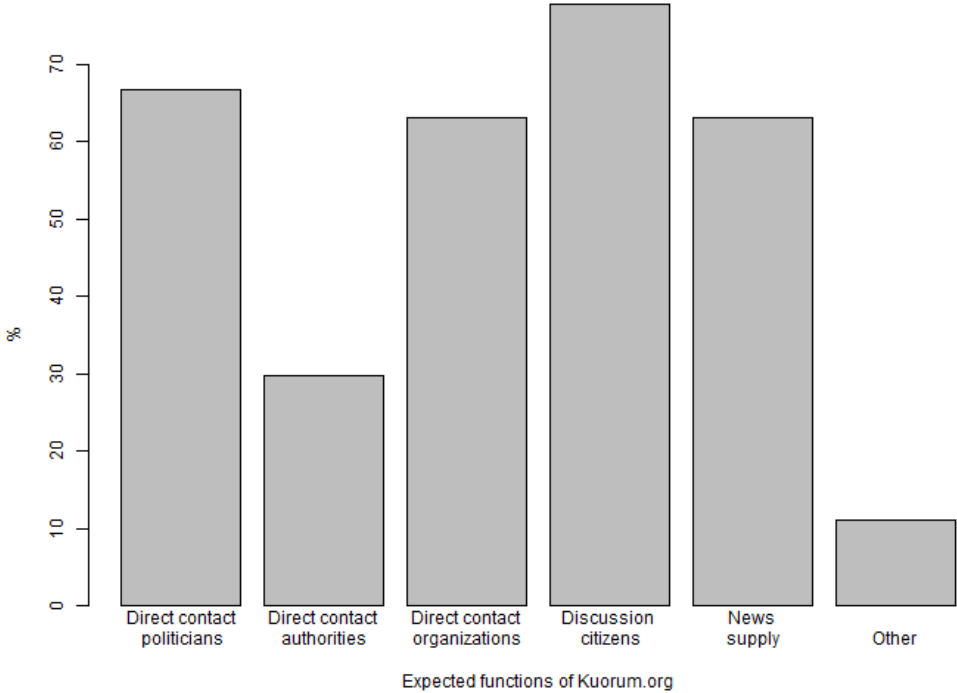


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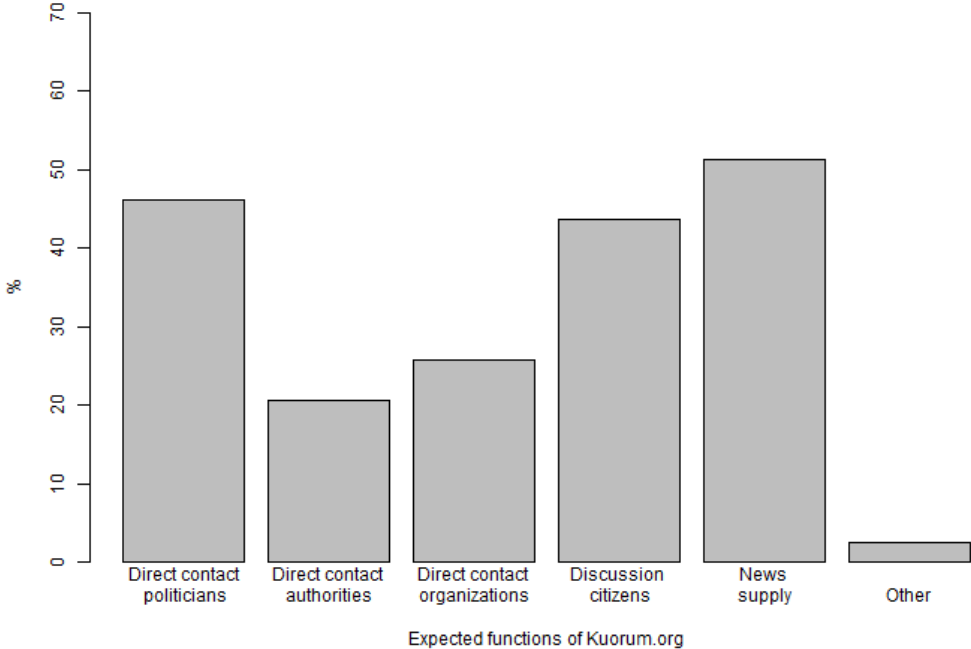
The younger citizens are not less interested in such an offer of online political tool.

Expected functions from a web-based participation tool

Which functions do you expect from such a website?



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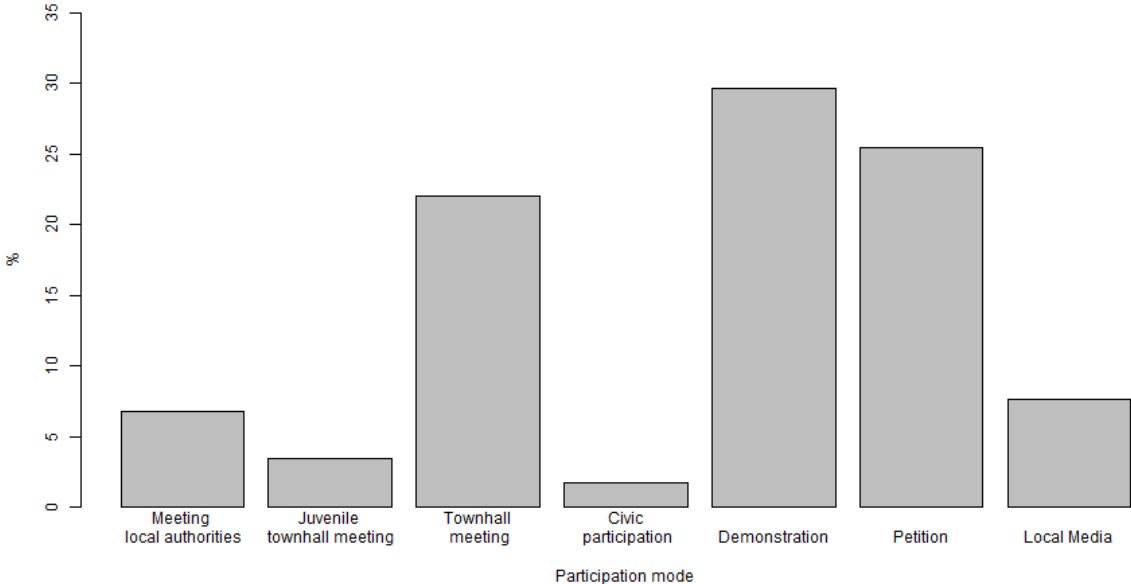


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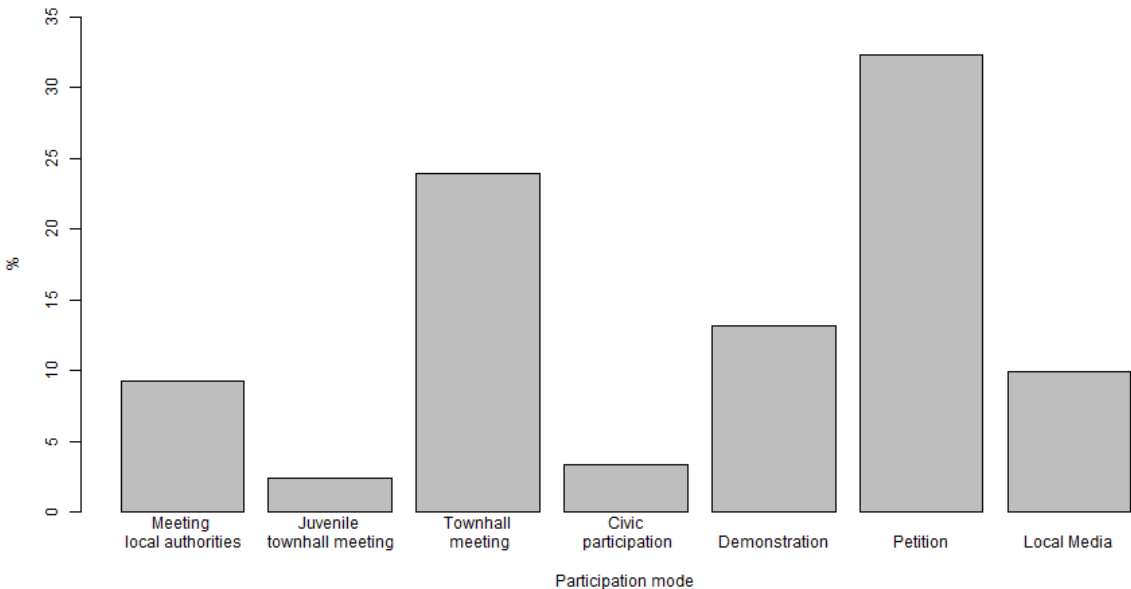
In general, younger citizens expect more specific functionalities of the online political tool. In particular, they seek to have more direct contact with different organizations via such tools.

Political participation

Besides voting in elections there are various other possibilities to actively participate in politics in Mannheim. Which of the following possibilities did you take in the last 12 months?



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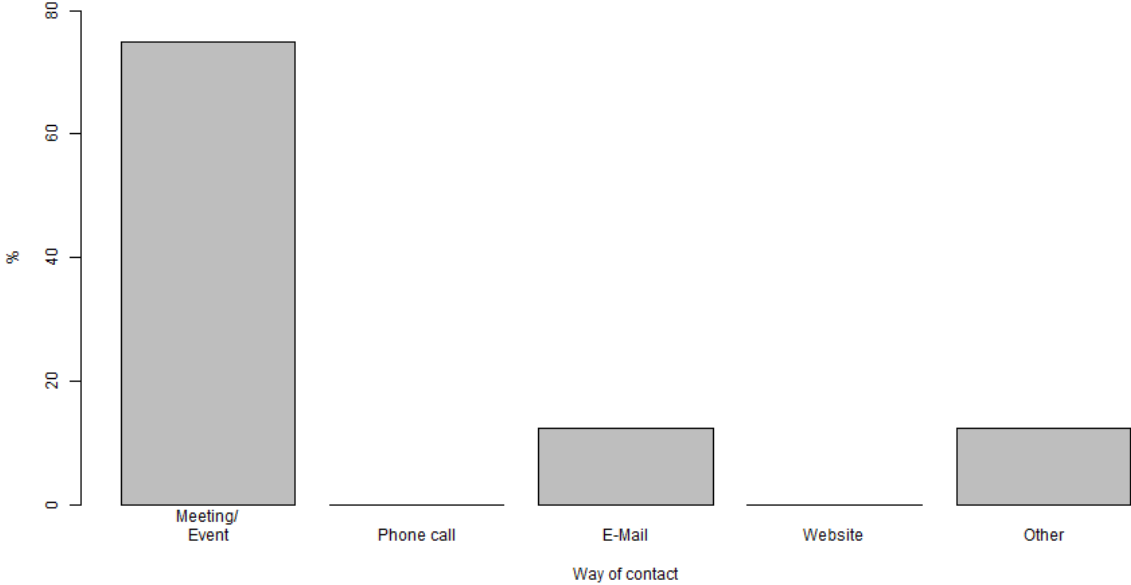


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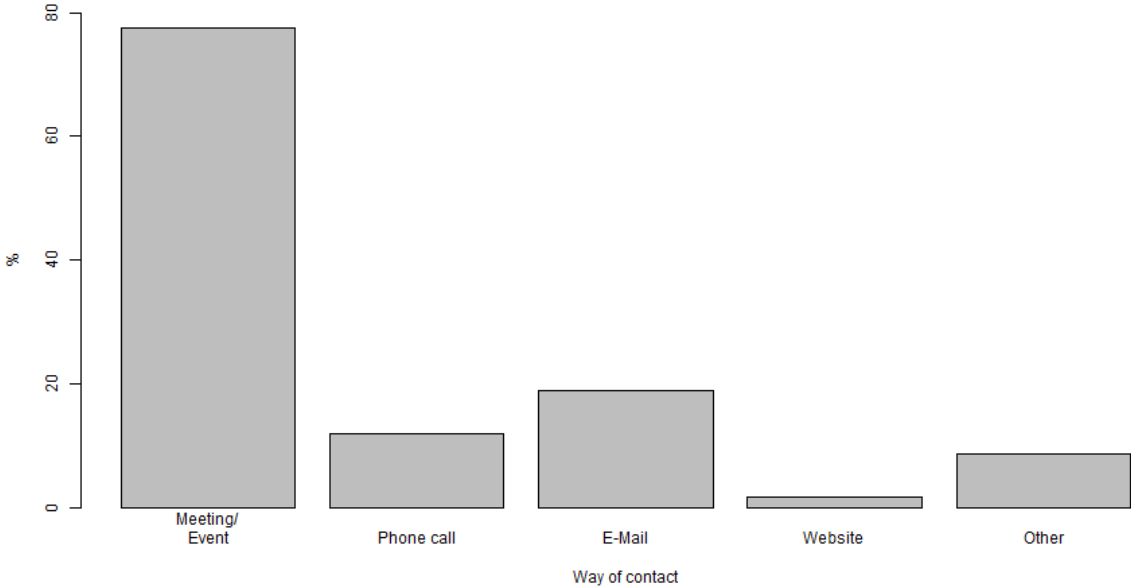
Younger citizens are also involved in politics. In particular, they have already involved in demonstration than the older citizens.

Way of contacting members of the local council

Did you (try to) contact a member of the local council in Mannheim to express your opinion in the last 12 months? Yes, ...



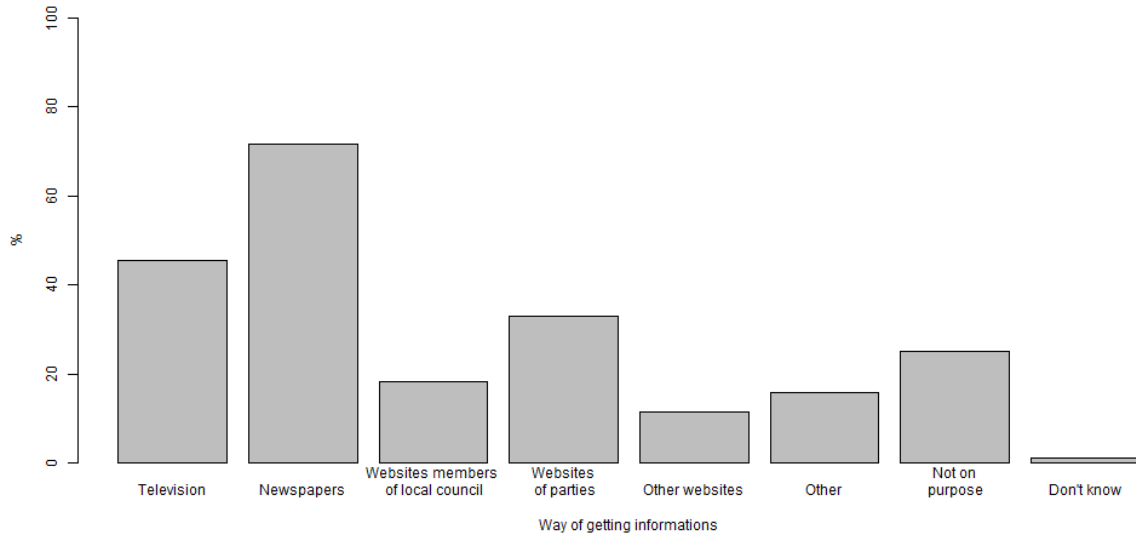
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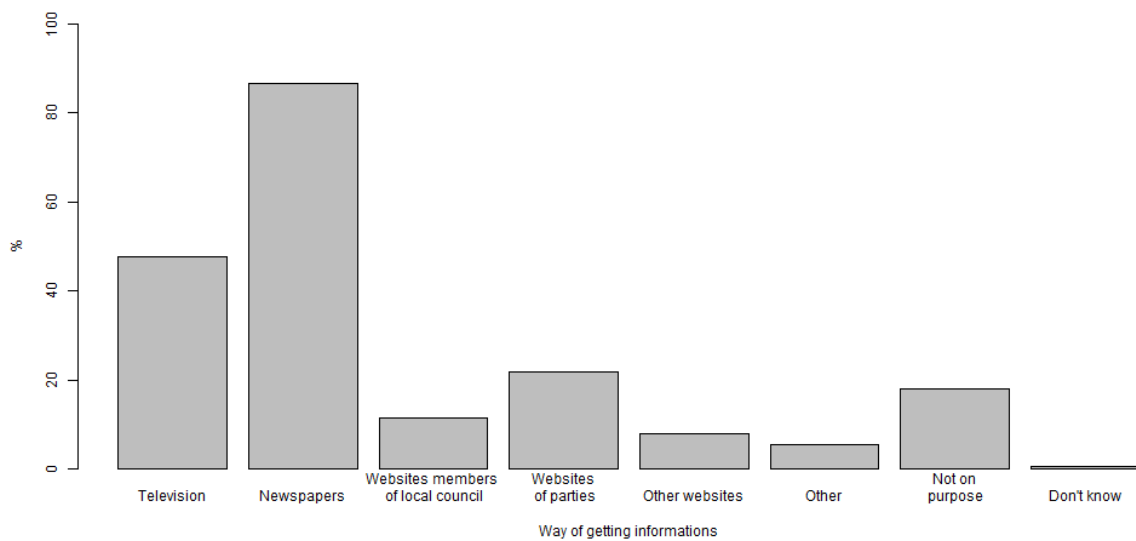
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Way of getting information

Which of the following sources do you use to inform yourself about political positions of the members of the local council in Mannheim?



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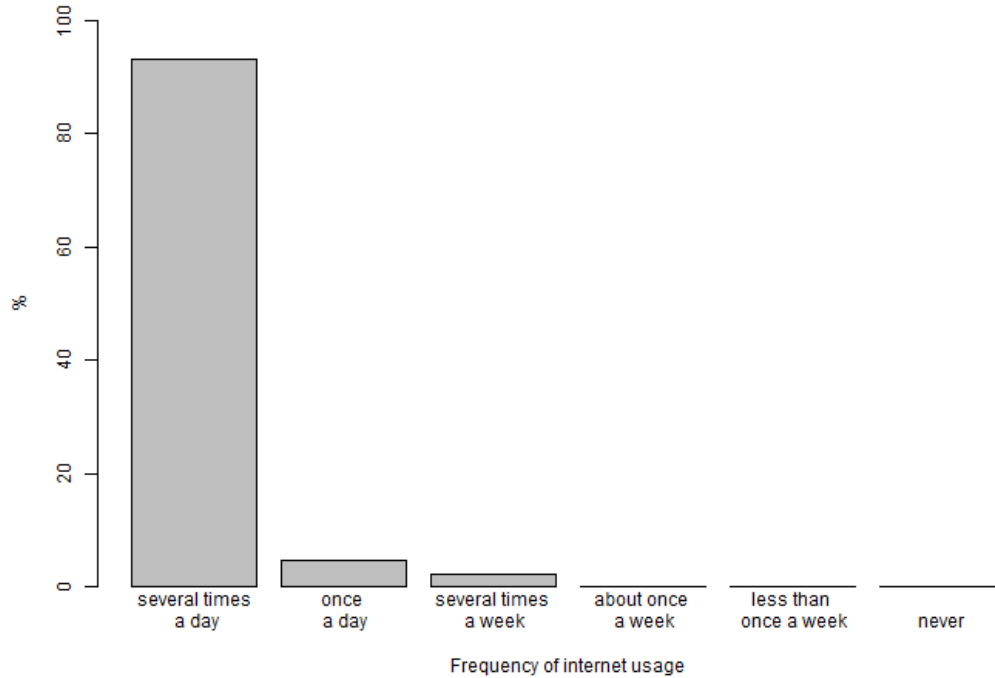


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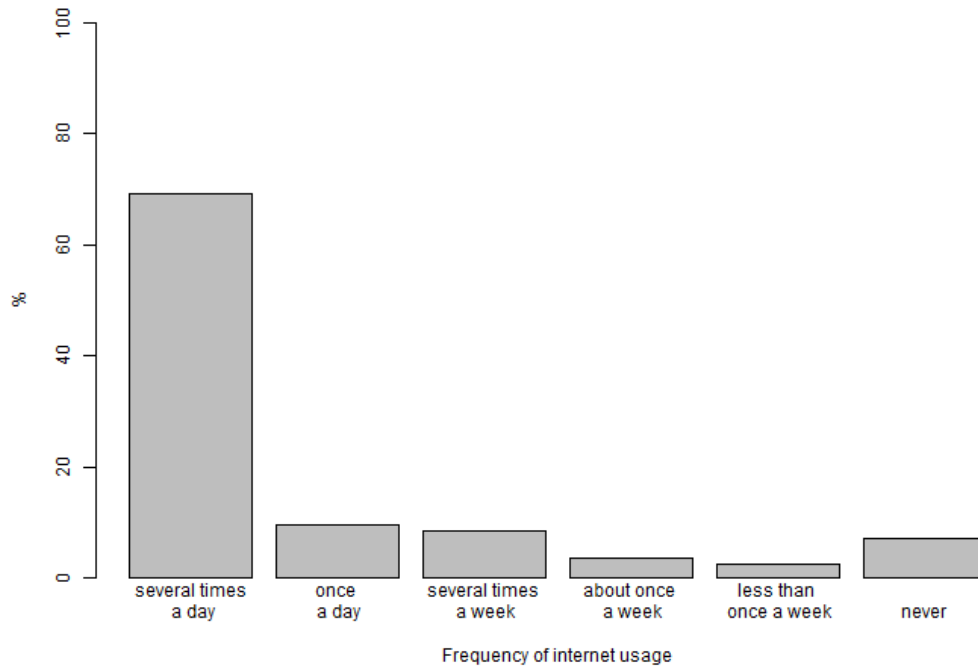
It is clear to see that the younger citizens seek political information in the online space, in particular websites.

Internet usage

How often do you use the internet?



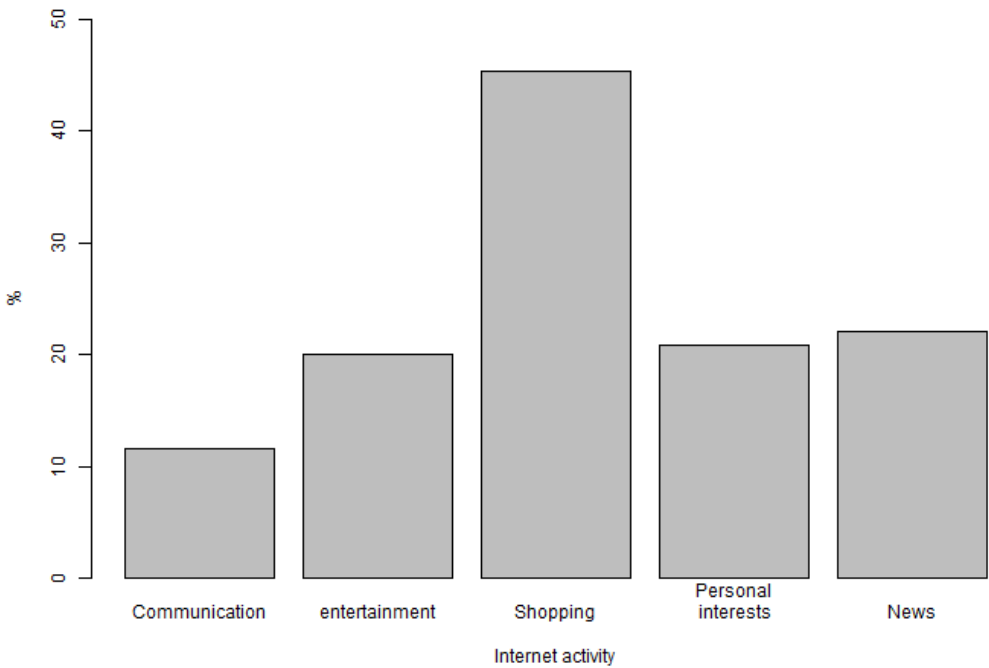
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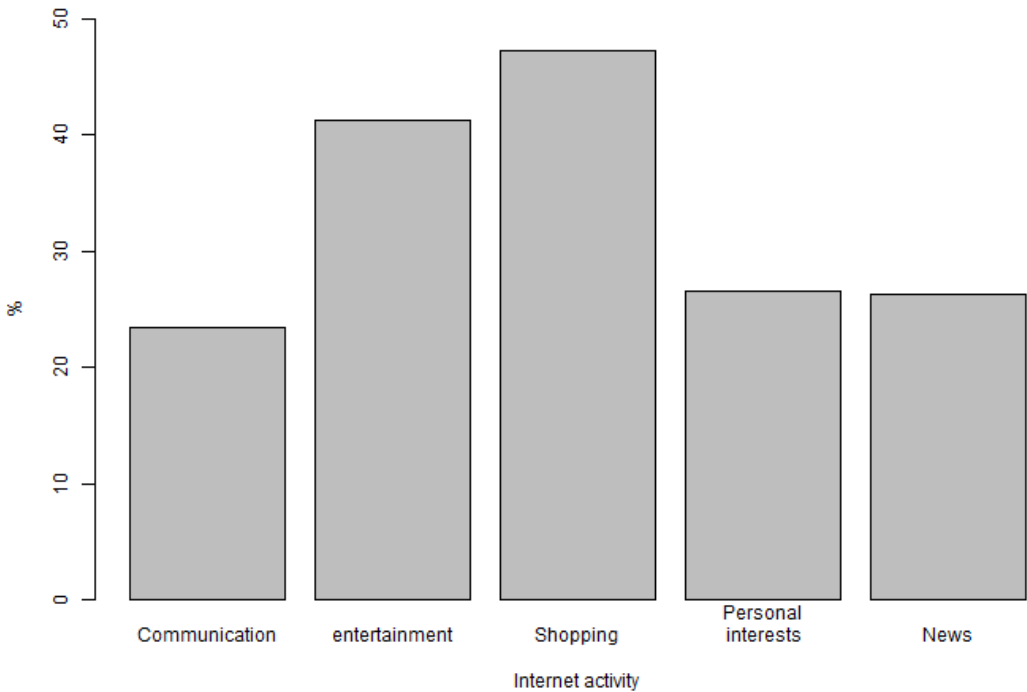
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It is obvious that the younger citizens use the internet much more frequently than the older citizens.

How often do you use the Internet in private purpose for the following activities?



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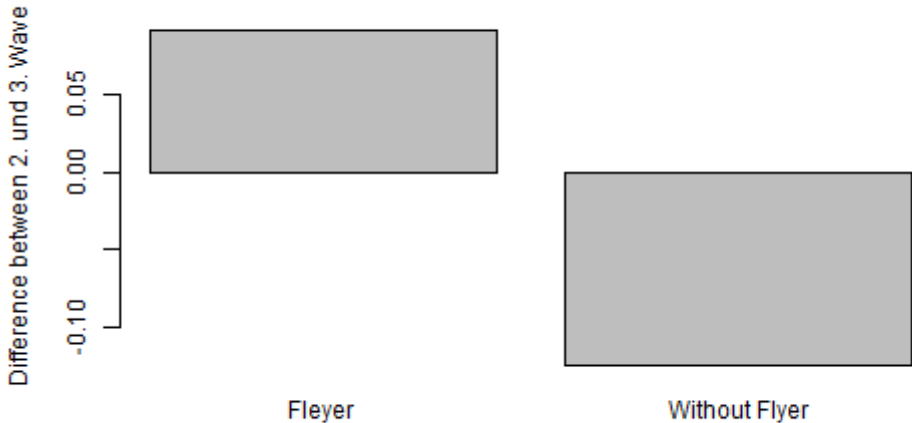


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Effect of the project activity on political efficacy of citizens

The effect of the flyer on younger citizens' political efficacy.

The respondents who received the flyer of our platform have improved their political efficacy while those without the flyer had a lower level of political efficacy. This indicates that the knowledge about the online platform itself can improve the citizens' political efficacy.



The effect of the event on younger citizens' political efficacy.

The respondents in the part of city Seckenheim had no change in their political efficacy level. However, the youth in the other part of Mannheim and Ladenburg had a quite lower level of political efficacy due to some unknown factors, which also are expected in Seckenheim. That is, we can conclude that the joint event had a positive effect on political efficacy, which canceled out the unknown factor.

