Potenza del linguaggio e odio online: strumenti di prevenzione e contrasto

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The Power of Language and Online Hatred: Tools for Prevention and Counteraction

Abstract: Marilisa D'Amico's book under discussion is agile, but certainly very rich in insights, both on the side of theoretical analysis – starting with the age-old question of tolerance (and its limits) – and on the side of operational proposals, to which this discussion note pays particular attention. Awareness of the power of language to convey stereotypes and prejudices, as well as intolerance and hate speech, while at the same time promoting equality and parity has led various international organizations and States to adopt guidelines and regulations aimed at guiding the use of language that is non-discriminatory and, more specifically, sensitive to the gender dimension (the area on which the author focuses most). In this context, as suggested, it is also possible to focus on the ways in which artificial intelligence plays a role both in the creation and dissemination of online hate and, in various ways, as an effective tool to combat it.