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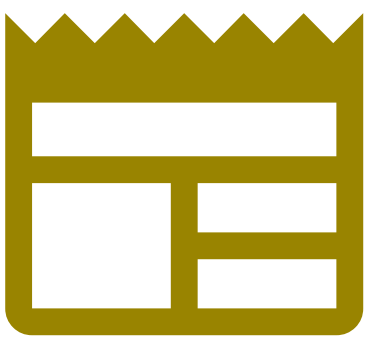




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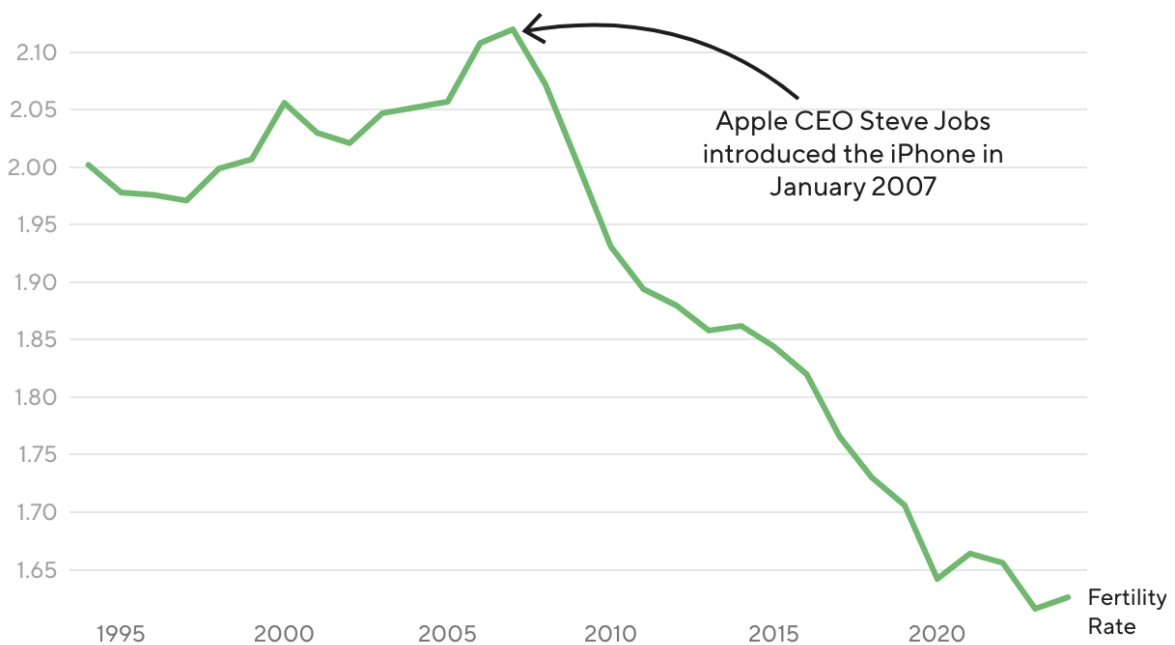
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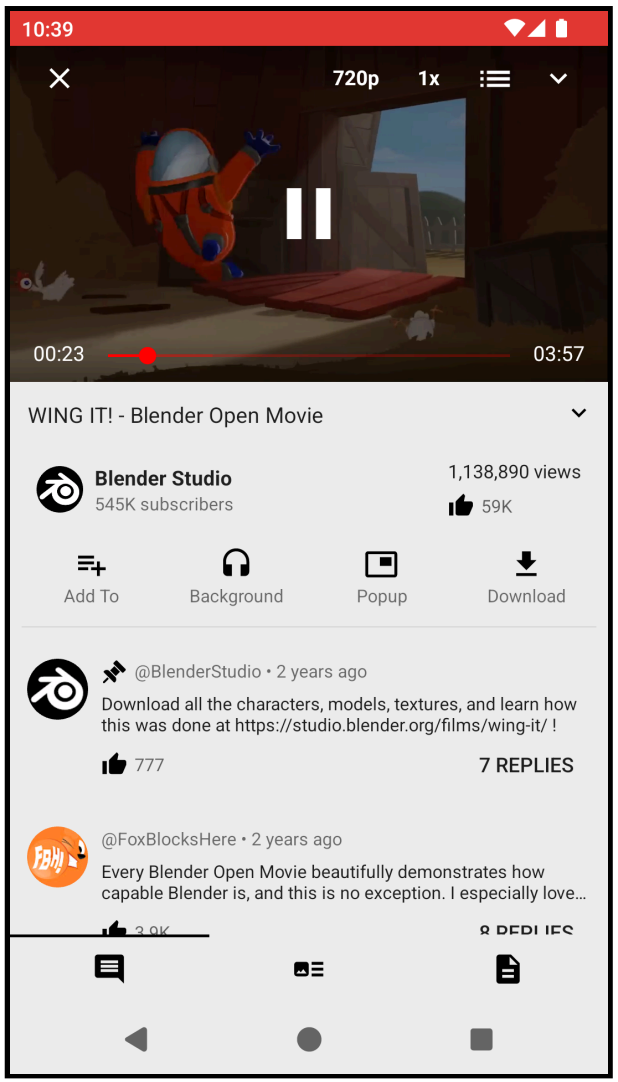
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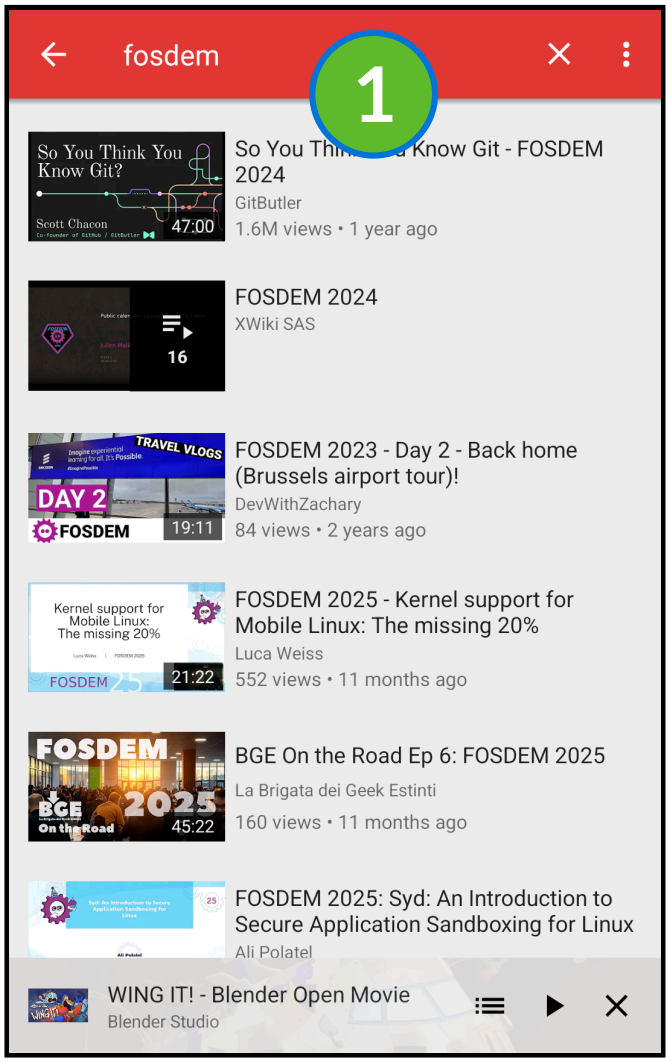
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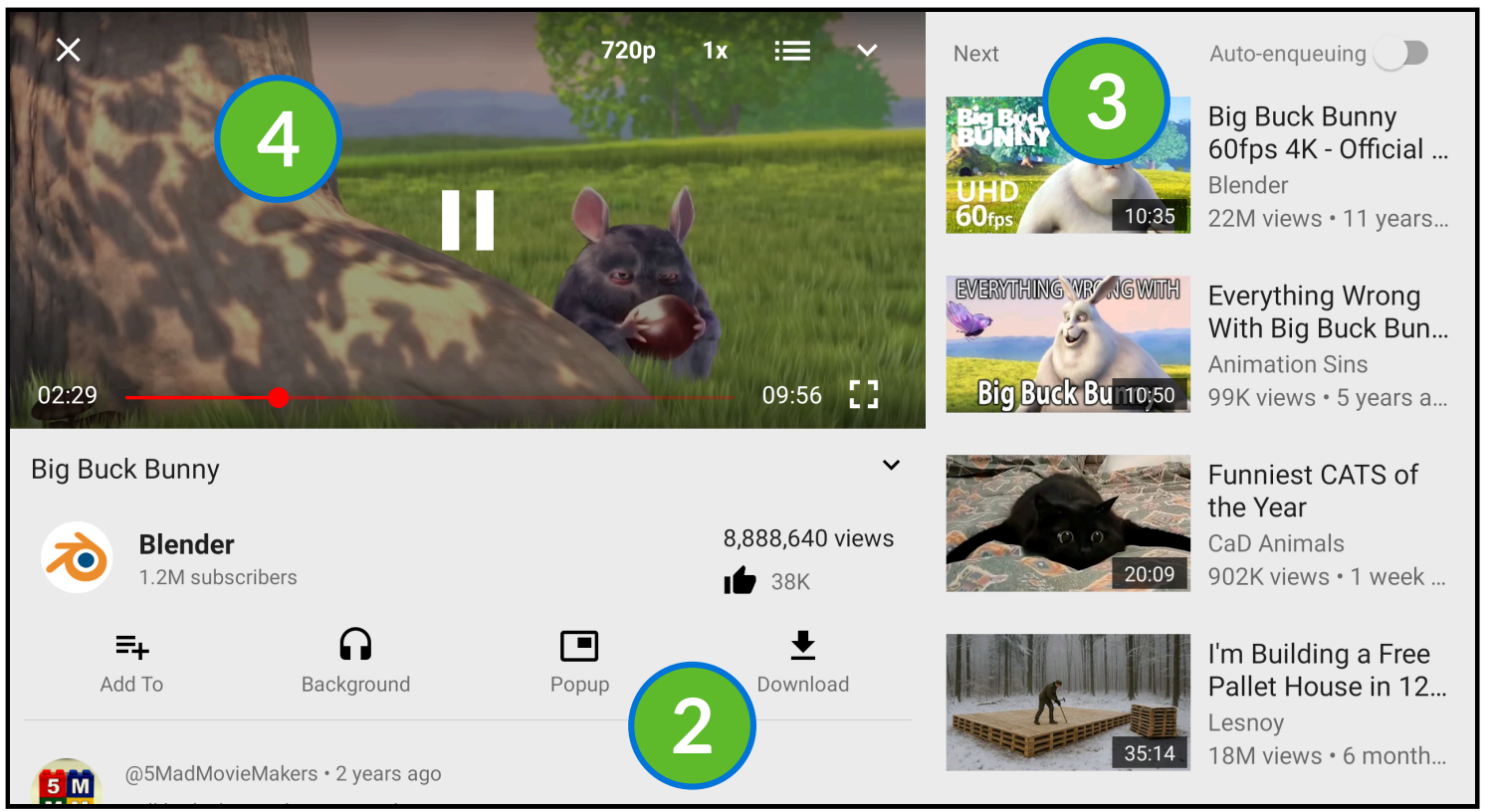


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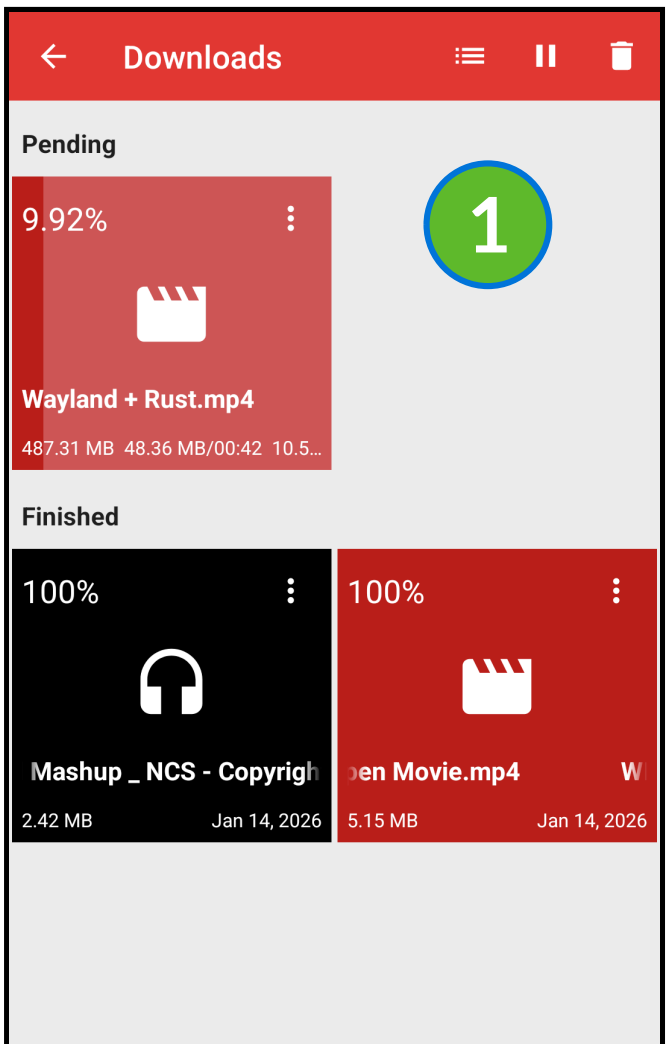


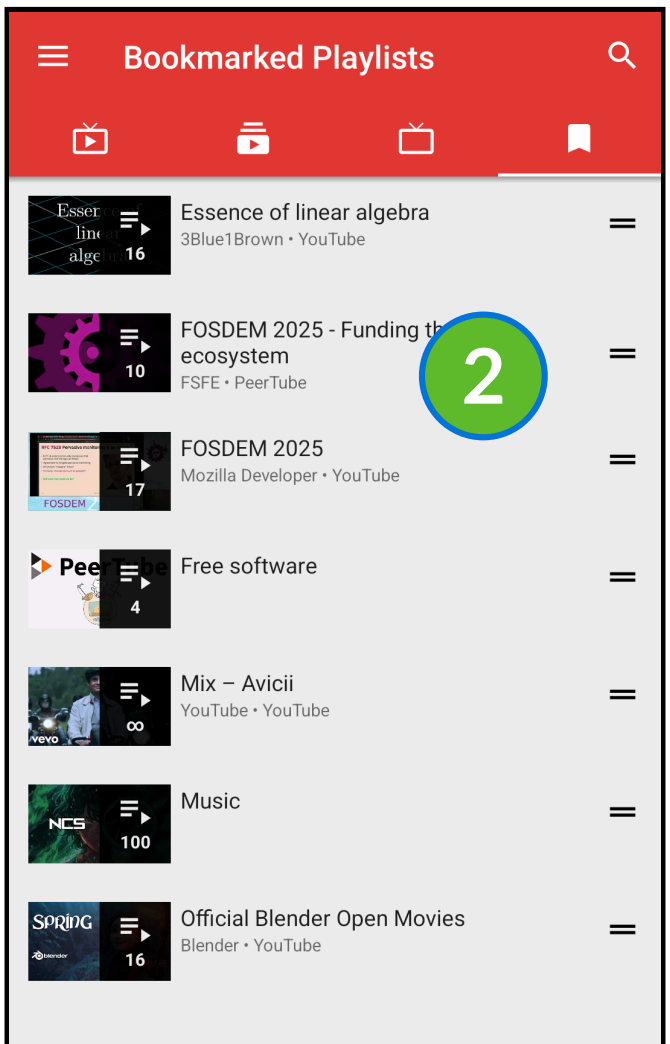
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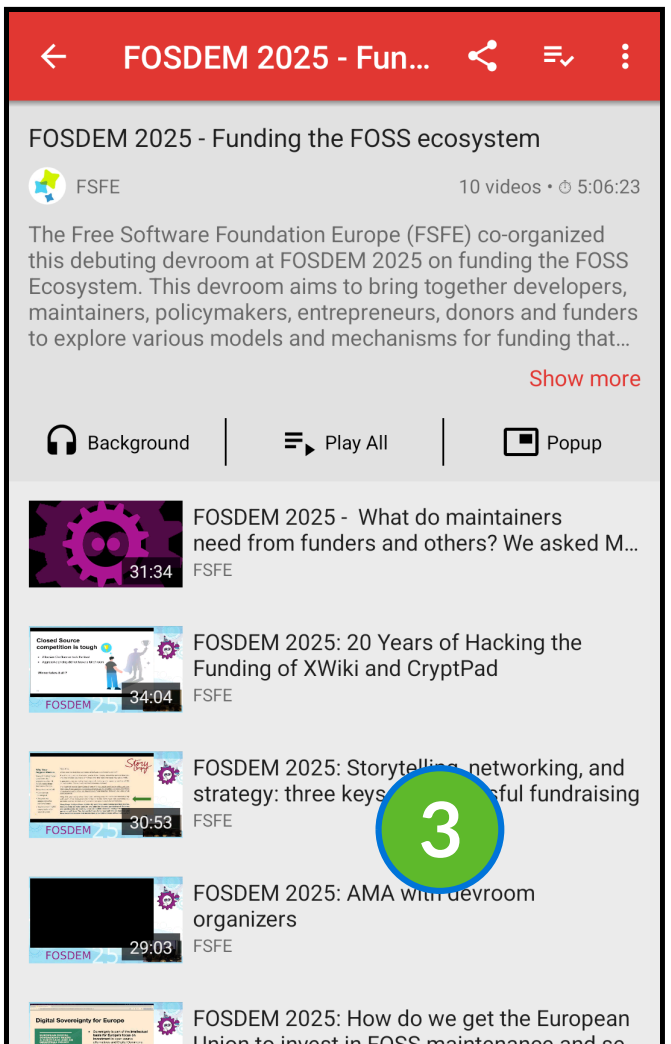




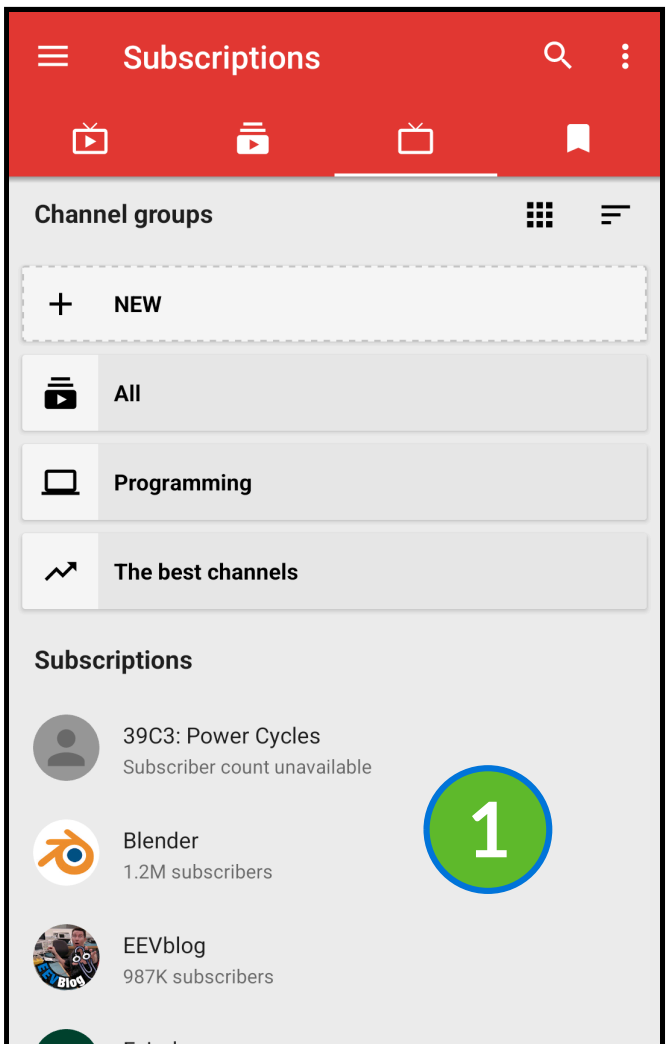
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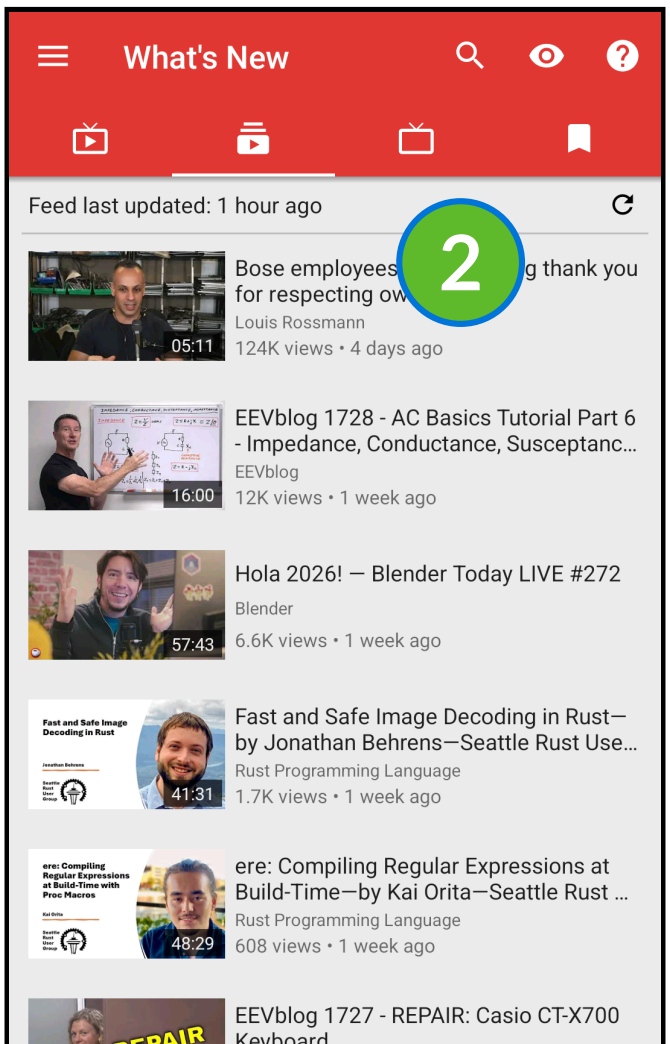


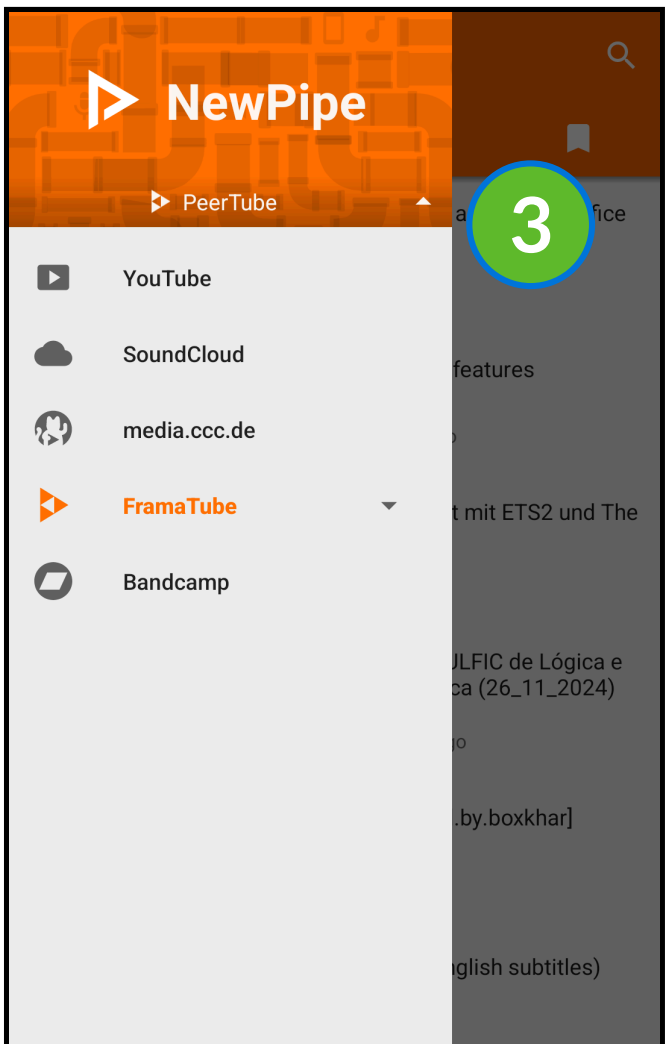




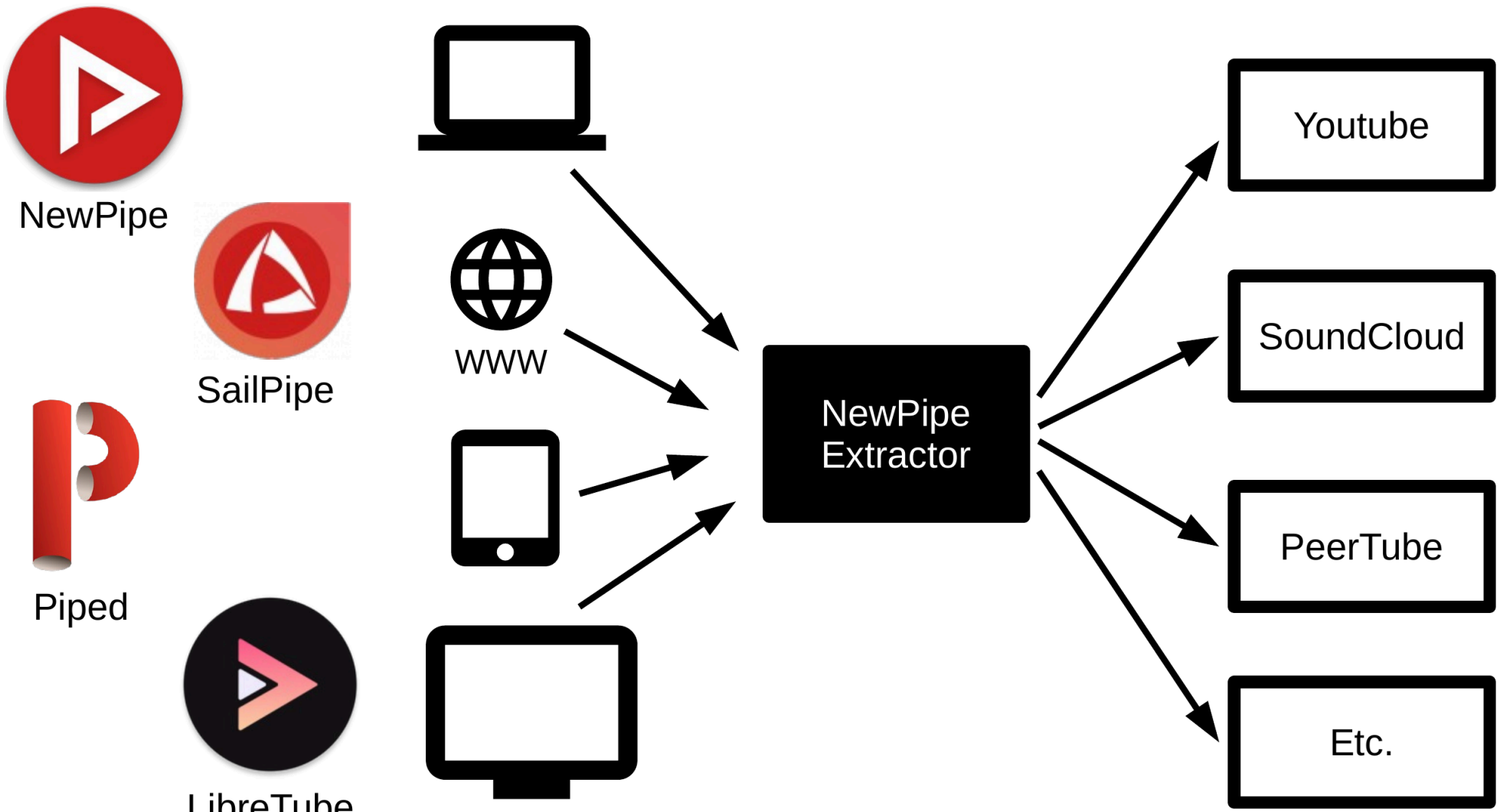
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NewPipeExtractor



Limitations of NewPipe

- No **ads** $\Longrightarrow$ no revenue



- Less **discovery**

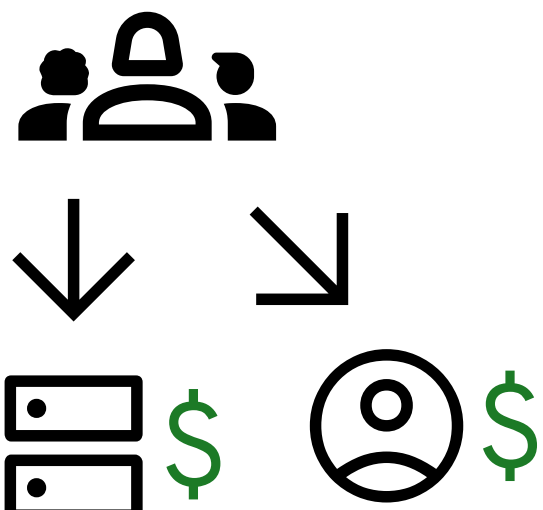


- No active **engagement**



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- Easy user switching
- Easy creator switching
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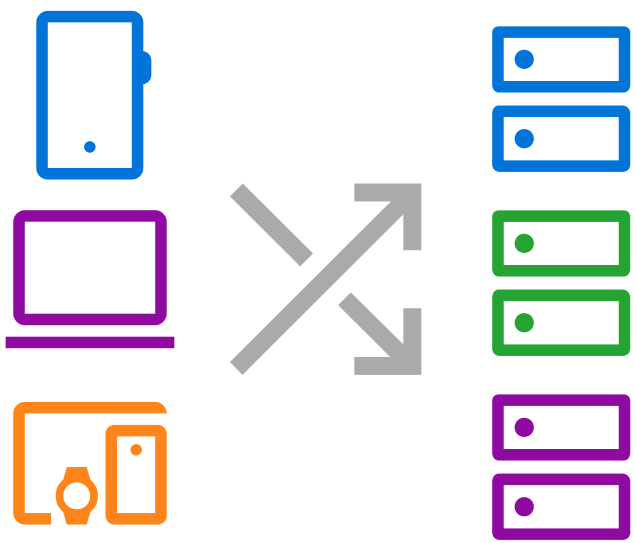
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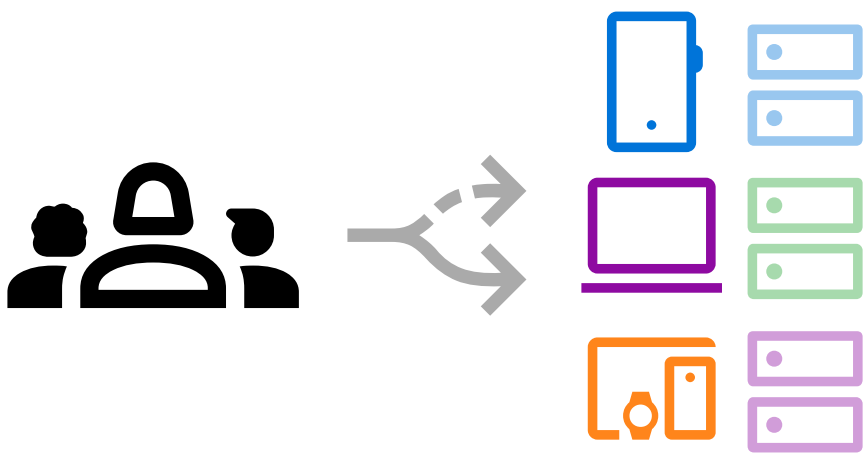
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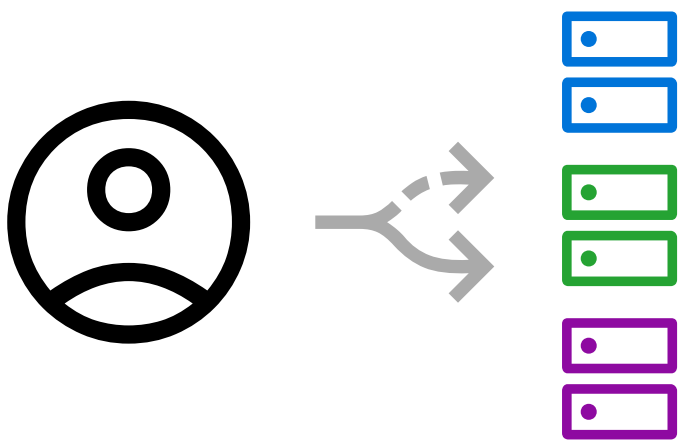
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When people come face-to-face with what others believe, they may not like it.

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How digital media drive affective polarization through partisan sorting

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«It is not isolation from opposing views that drives polarization, but precisely the fact that digital media bring us to interact outside our local bubble.»

Web Monetization

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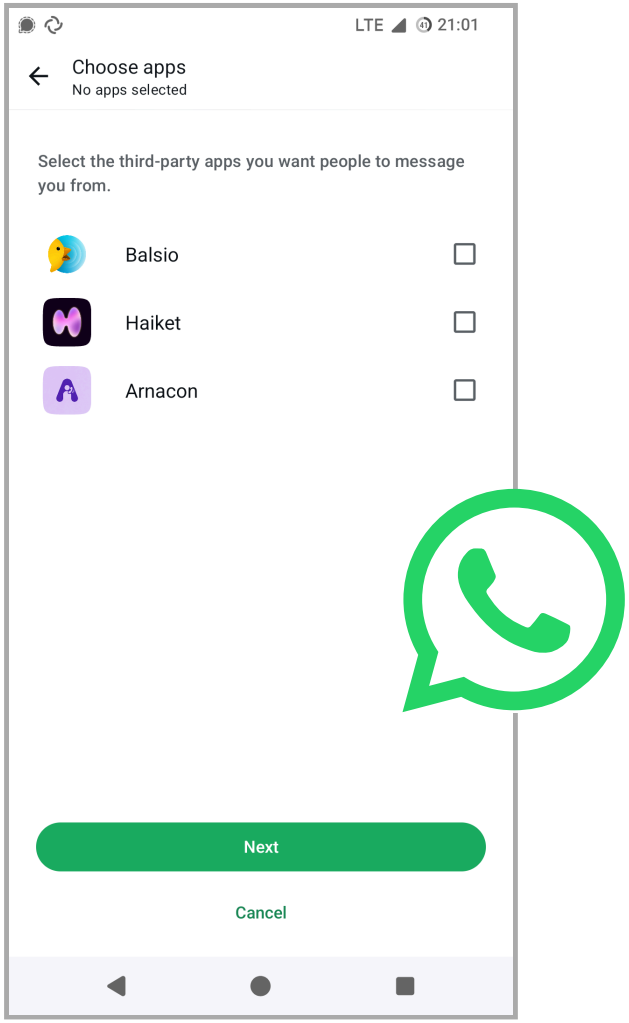
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EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

EU KIDS ACT - 'EU Keeping Internet Digital Spaces Accountable and Trustworthy'

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EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

1. CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSAL

- **Reasons for and objectives of the proposal**

Only half of children aged 9-16 across Europe say they feel safe online. The risks faced by minors online are real and urgent, and impact their health, development and wellbeing, such as for example reduced physical activity, increased risk of myopia and reduced sleep, depressive and anxious symptoms, decrease self-esteem, negative impact on learning and cognitive development, eating disorders, decreased empathy, loneliness and addictive behaviours. Minors online also face risks of cyberbullying, child sexual abuse and grooming.

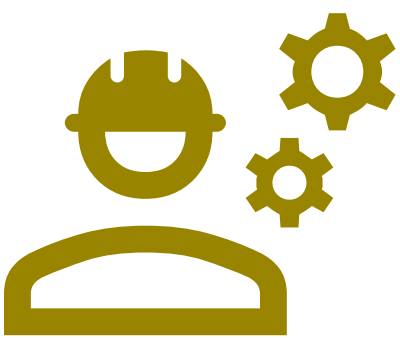
The protection of minors online is a political priority of the Commission. In her 2025 State of the Union, Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced that she will commission a panel of experts to advise her on the best approach for Europe on child safety online. After a process in the first half of 2026 involving a wide range of experts from different fields, as well as representatives from industry, parents and youth, the co-chairs of the Special panel presented their recommendations to the President in July 2026. The recommendations set out a clear path for enhancing the safety of minors online and ensuring the functioning of the Single Market. In particular, they recommend an EU-wide access restriction, harmonised safety-by-design rules as well as proportionate, privacy-preserving age assurance systems. Finally, they recommend covering digital services beyond social media platforms, including app stores, AI companions and some video games and video-sharing platforms offering risky features.

In October 2025, the Jutland Declaration signed by 25 Member States called for age verification and for a safer online environment for minors. In its conclusions of March 2026 and of October 2025, the European Council also stressed the importance of protecting minors online, including through a digital age of majority. In its report of November 2025 on the protection of minors online, the European Parliament called for a harmonised European digital age limit of 16 years for access to social media, video-sharing platforms and AI companions unless parents or guardians have authorised their children otherwise. It also called upon a harmonised European digital age limit of 13, under which no minor can access social media platforms. The European Parliament also recognised the need for additional legislation on age-appropriate design and safety by design. It further called for a European approach regarding age assurance ensuring legal certainty.

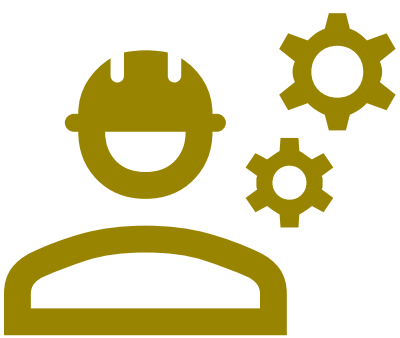
Across the European Union, Member States are discussing or proposing national legislation to enhance the safety of













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