

The limits of the "cyber-politics": Internet and social movements

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Abstract:

This paper analyzes the ambiguous consequences of the Internet use in the particular case of Social Movements. On one hand, the internet allows a more symmetrical communication between connected activists that can build less rigid organizational structures, constructing collective identities and frameworks of action. Furthermore, the activists can identify opportunities and identify political opportunities. However, the use of internet for social movements purpose do not solve the uneven access to technologies or the inequality of the virtual world as it is not necessarily articulated to build commitments with effective control mechanisms.

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