ICTs and political movements

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Abstract

Communication technologies, despite their huge corporate, military, and surveillance applications, also afford opportunities within political movements to debate, mobilize, reflect, imagine, fantasize, critique, archive, and inform, and will be pivotal to developing a future for humans rather than for capital. This article focuses on some possibilities offered by three such technologies, radio, the Internet and the mobile phone, to political movements. It provides a variety of illustrations of their uses and applications in social struggles, large and small. First, however, it dwells briefly on some of the issues and concepts in the air at the time of writing, which may help to frame and thus interpret the specifics.

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In the social sciences, a political movement is a social group that operates together to obtain a political goal, on a local, regional, national, or international scope. Political movements develop, coordinate, promulgate, revise, amend, interpret, and produce materials that are intended to address the goals of the base of the movement. A social movement in the area of politics can be organized around a single issue or set of issues, or around a set of shared concerns of a social group. In a political ICTs and political movements. Article (PDF Available) · January 2009 with 240 Reads. DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780199548798.003.0023. This article focuses on some possibilities offered by three such technologies, radio, the Internet and the mobile phone, to political movements. It provides a variety of illustrations of their uses and applications in social struggles, large and small. First, however, it dwells briefly on some of the issues and concepts in the air at the time of writing, which may help to frame and thus interpret the specifics.