

Social Media and Protests

HOW SOCIAL MEDIA IS INVOLVED IN POLITICS

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The Power of Technology

- ▶ In our pockets we hold computers with the capacity and ability to search up anything we could desire or question in almost an instant.
- ▶ We create websites where people of different backgrounds come together because of shared interests or a common goal.
- ▶ Politics now more than ever connect and rally people together under their shared goal in hoping to change the political climate.

Social Media's influence

- ▶ Many movements are now more easily organized through the use of social media
- ▶ The internet allows us to connect to many people around the world and gather support for changes worldwide.
- ▶ Imagine millions of people tweeting and posting “Equal Rights for Humanity” during the Civil Rights Movement
- ▶ Many messages get sent across social media platforms regularly and politicians are joining in the fray so that they can share what they have to say.

What's the Message

- ▶ The game of politics is now more blurry than ever because of the use of social media and other internet services making it easier to unite people under the goal that they want to achieve.
- ▶ Trump's message was "Make America Great Again" connecting and rallying many supporters and republicans alike.
- ▶ Trump connects to many of his supporters and followers through social media however the use of social media can sometimes hold obscured messages.
- ▶ Because it is a home of many voices, the message can be misinterpreted or unintentional.

Information is Power

- ▶ False information can be spread across many different social media
- ▶ Originating from the Russian word “Dezinformatsiya” derived from the title of a KGB black propaganda department.
- ▶ Social Media does provide benefits for politicians aspiring to lead the country down a better path in the way they see fit.
- ▶ Donald Trump credits his victory in the 2016 election to social media.
- ▶ Pope Francis voices concerns about incorrect information and the major harmful consequence it may have on our country.

Instruments of War

- ▶ Social media is an essence an unbiased product used to connect many people together. It only shows the voices of the people onto your screens.
- ▶ Whenever people feel strongly about a certain change, people naturally rally and fight for the change that they want to see and spark the interests of many around them acting as a united voice for change.
- ▶ Our first amendment right ensures us freedom of speech and allows our voices to be heard and shared throughout the world.
- ▶ Social Media does not pick a side. It merely shows the world the voices and opinions that are on people's minds.

Interviews

- ▶ Friend(Emma)- Donald Trump used social media to inspire fear and the people's rage to rally behind his voice for change
- ▶ Friend(Josh)- Social media is where all the interesting news is
- ▶ Friend(Jeremy) I only use social media for what the new thing is or what people are talking about.

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