

SOCIAL MOVEMENTS AND EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES



INTERNET

Digital technologies have reconfigured how social movements operate and transformed them into networked communities that seek to change the public sphere.

SOCIAL MEDIA

#[InsertMovementNameHere] A 2018 Pew report states that around half of Americans have used social media to engage in some sort of political or socially minded activity in the past year.



ENCRYPTION



Activists use communication encryption tools to protect their private communications from government surveillance. Digital technologies benefit social movements, but the same technologies can be used against them.

ANONYMOUS WEB BROWSING

Activists in social movements use virtual private networks, proxy servers, and other programs to hide their identity while using the internet.



DRONES

Although frequently thought of as a negative tool used by the government for surveillance and warfare, drones are now being used by activists to document protests, frame their story, and for advocacy.