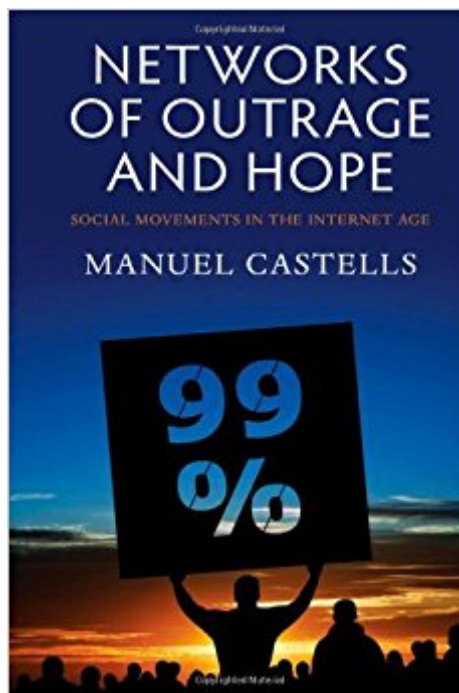




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Networks Of Outrage And Hope: Social Movements In The Internet Age



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This book is an exploration of the new forms of social movements and protests that are erupting in the world today, from the Arab uprisings to the indignadas movement in Spain, and the Occupy Wall Street movement in the US. While these and similar social movements differ in many important ways, there is one thing they share in common: they are all interwoven inextricably with the creation of autonomous communication networks supported by the Internet and wireless communication. In this timely and important book, Manuel Castells – the leading scholar of our contemporary networked society – examines the social, cultural and political roots of these new social movements, studies their innovative forms of self-organization, assesses the precise role of technology in the dynamics of the movements, suggests the reasons for the support they have found in large segments of society, and probes their capacity to induce political change by influencing people's minds. Based on original fieldwork by the author and his collaborators as well as secondary sources, this book provides a path-breaking analysis of the new forms of social movements, and offers an analytical template for advancing the debates triggered by them concerning the new forms of social change and political democracy in the global network society.

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This is another great contribution from Prof. Castells to understanding our changing social and political world. The content is most pertinent in a moment when, clearly, concepts such as right and left, political systems and their major actors, are utterly under-rated. Their steps are often against

the majority interests and create critical conflicts. Citizens realize the mighty power of Internet, cells..... as tools to mobilize political wills, beyond classic party infrastructures, more and more inadequate. No doubt, beyond traditional participatory ways, Democratic systems will have to take into account the increasing social networks and new technologies as means to assess change in a new era. In short, the rules of the political game are, clearly, changing and nothing will be like before. Excellent, timely reading. Gabriel Carceles Social Policy Analyst. NM, USA

I cannot recommend this excellent title enough. Millions of people all across the world are connecting / banding together to create social movements of change. And the internet, like a modern day "Silk Road", has become the highway of trade and exchange...but this time it's a trade & exchange of ideas....If you want a quick glimpse of the current pulse of the changing face of numerous societies all across the world...then this title is definitely for you....

This book is positively fascinating! I love the way he covers the techniques for social movements and the way these techniques relate to this old we use in everyday life. I would not have previously imagined how great a role social media could play in a social movement.

I bought this book to use as a source for my master's thesis. I want specific things out of it, not to read the entire thing. Unfortunately, there is no index. What kind of book like this doesn't have an index?! I have dozens of other books that I have to go through as well as countless articles. I don't have time to scan every page looking for keywords to find the topics that I need.

excellent book. Castells let you understand better the socio-politics of the world we live in

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