
Protest potential of social networks: opportunities and risks

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Virtual network structure: is it a path to the civil society or social risk factor? Answering this question, the authors attempted to understand social networks as a platform for real and virtual mobilization of citizens expressing protest activity; appreciated opportunities and risks of the platform; proposed some definite steps to solve the problem of illegal political organizations conducting propaganda activities on the Internet.

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