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Iran Protests: Twitter, the Medium of the Movement
By LEV GROSSMAN  Wednesday, Jun. 17, 2009

Behind the Scenes with Mousavi

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Share

The U.S. State Department doesn't usually take an interest in the maintenance schedules of dotcom start-ups. But over the weekend, officials there reached out to Twitter and asked them to delay a network upgrade that was scheduled for Monday night. The reason? To protect the interests of

From http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1905125,00.html
Twitter in USA: Bad.

FBI Raids Queens Home in G20 Protest Twitter Crackdown

That's right, a Twitter crackdown. A lawyer for Jackson Heights social worker Elliot Madison, 41, says that the feds searched his client's house for 16 hours on Thursday after Madison was arrested on September 24th at a Pittsburgh hotel room with another man. What were they up to? Sitting at laptops sending Twitter messages advising G20 demonstrators about riot police activity in the streets. And yet real Twitter threats like Lindsay Lohan and Courtney Love remain at large.

Madison, a self-described anarchist, was in Pittsburgh volunteering for the Tin Can Comms Collective, a group that uses Twitter to send mass text messages during protests describing events observed on the streets or over police scanners; stuff like "SWAT teams rolling down 5th Ave." Tin Can was active during the St. Paul RNC protests, and the authorities are now on to them. Madison was charged with hindering apprehension or prosecution, criminal use of a communication facility and possession of instruments of crime; he's currently out on bail.

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Who uses Tor?

- Normal people
- Law Enforcement
- Human Rights Activists
- Business Execs
- Militaries
- Abuse Victims
Tor hides communication patterns by relaying data through volunteer servers
• Measuring metrics anonymously
• NSF grant to find out
• Metrics portal:
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Mobile Operating Systems

- Entirely new set of challenges for something designed to know where you are
- **Orbot**: Tor on Android.  
- iPhone, maemo/meego, symbian, etc
- Tor on Windows CE, [http://www.gsmk.de](http://www.gsmk.de) as an example.
- Guardian Project, [https://guardianproject.info/](https://guardianproject.info/)
Ten things to look for in a circumvention tool

https://www.torproject.org/press/

Article originally prepared for the March 2010 “Index on Censorship”, then adapted for the July 2010 “China Rights Forum”.
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Next steps

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