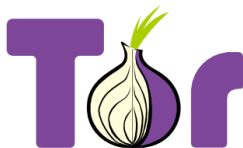# ITSG Tor Overview

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estimated 500,000 daily users

Twitter in Iran: Good.

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Twitter in USA: Bad.

## FBI Raids Queens Home in G20 Protest Twitter Crackdown

AP Photo/Matt Rourke

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.

from http://gothamist.com/2009/10/05/fbi_raids_queens_home_in_g20_protes.php

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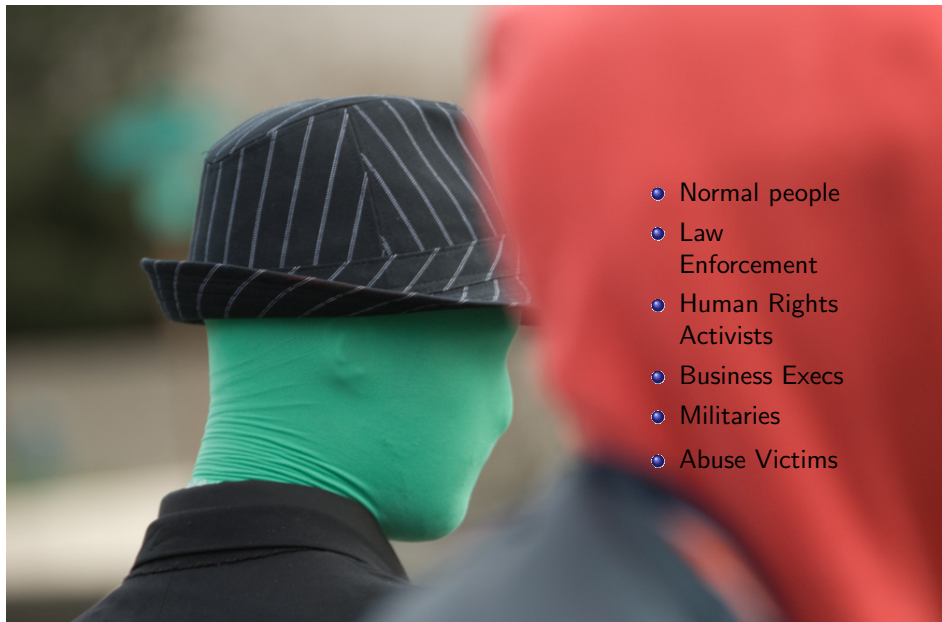
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- Abuse Victims

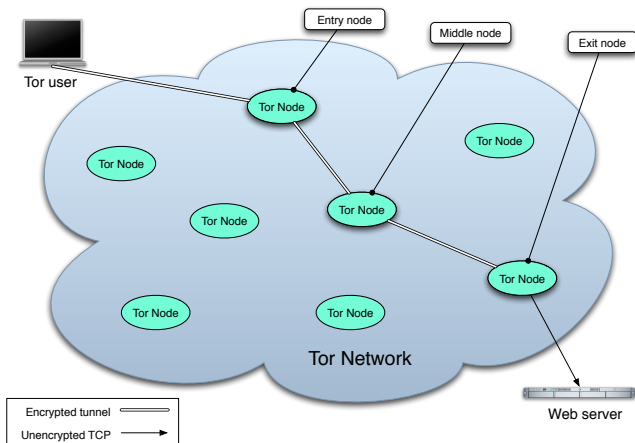# Tor hides communication patterns by relaying data through volunteer servers

Diagram: Robert Watson

Tor

Metrics

- Measuring metrics anonymously
- NSF grant to find out
- Metrics portal:
  `https://www.torproject.org/projects/metrics`

Tor hidden services allow privacy enhanced hosting of services

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Mobile Operating Systems

- Entirely new set of challenges for something designed to know where you are
- Orbot: Tor on Android.
  http://openideals.com/2009/10/22/orbot-proxy/
- iphone, maemo, symbian, etc
- Tor on Windows CE, http://www.gsmk.de as an example.

Next steps

Visit `https://www.torproject.org/` for more information, links, and ideas.

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