Disordering Demonstrations:

Maptivism, Sukey and the Occupation of City Spaces

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Reading demonstrations

'His elevation transfigures him into a voyeur; it puts him at a distance. It transforms the bewitching world by which one was 'possessed' into a text that lies before one's eyes. It allows one to read it, to be a solar eye looking down like a God' (de Certeau, 1984, p.92)







Solar Eyes...



Their task is to keep the march contained within 'neat and tidy' boundaries'

Waddington, 1998, p. 122





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Urban footsteps

Stepping in through proportions, sequences, and intensities which vary according to the time, the path taken and the walker'

(De Certeau, 2004, p.99)





Urban footsteps





..sukey take it off again



The Mission is to provide peaceful protesters with up to date news that will keep them informed, assist them in avoiding injury, help them to keep clear of trouble spots and avoid unnecessary detention.





The tips you send us are most useful when they contain a concise description of what's happening and a clear reference to where. For example:

NO: there are horses and police!!!!

YES; a line of 20 riot police has formed north of the cenotaph





Twitter

If you have location services (GPS etc) for your tweeting please turn it on!

We're primarily watching for tweets containing @sukey.Data, #dayx5 and #sukey.

We'll be watching incase anything else worthy of following pops up though.



Google Latitude

If you have a smartphone, install Google Latitude and then give us the email address you registered with Google, it will let us anonymously track your movements through London.

Tracking protester movements is the most effective way of seeing what areas are passable.

Don't worry about security, all of the location data pertaining to your identity is permanently encrypted so even we can't tell it's you.



SMS

Send text messages to [number to be released on 29th] and we'll treat them like Tweets. No need for hashtagging though.



Image Services...

_like TwitPic and Flickr. Tag your TwitPic uploads just like your tweets. Similarly, tag any Flickr pictures with sukey or dayx5.

If you don't have any location services for your camera, please try to describe the location of the picture as best you can.









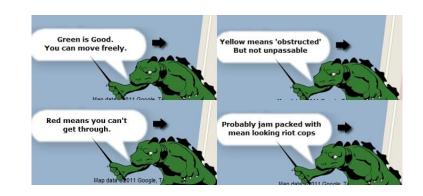


The independent media centre is a network of collectively run media outlets for the creation of radical, accurate and passionate telling of truth



We're like a busy news room' says Bernie. 'we have to get information in, check it makes sense, and then get it back out again'



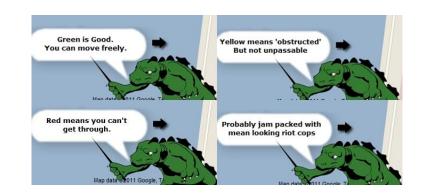






When you see something interesting, you tell us. When we're confident that something has actually happened, we tell you.



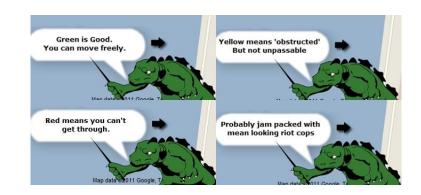






Our work coincides entirely with the police goal of preserving public order, and the public's concern of staying safe at protests.









- Mirrorsandstuff#suky press release is poor; they seem pround to be colluding with those who violate our rights. A useful tool, but come on...
- Spitzenprodukte Iollinh hard at #sukey press releases.
 Welcome to the new steward culture, you feckless sheep.
- BrumProtester wtf? I thought #sukey was a tool for protesters not 4 working with the police wonn't be contibuting data or my location to it in future shame





I think we have a difference in perception between our target audiences/readers.

Sukey is about keeping peaceful protesters safe, informed, and mobile. We're not part of the anarchist toolkit – and nor do we want be.

Sukey is designed to be predominately mainstream.







Mainstream protesters are not full time activists. They're just normal people who want to go about their normal lives and not be bundled in with those they see as crazies as a result of having attended the protest.







The intention is to improve your safety, to allow the police to warn of impending kettles and to provide them with means of communicating with peaceful and vulnerable protesters and provide them with directions on how to leave a kettle.







Watch this space...

