

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

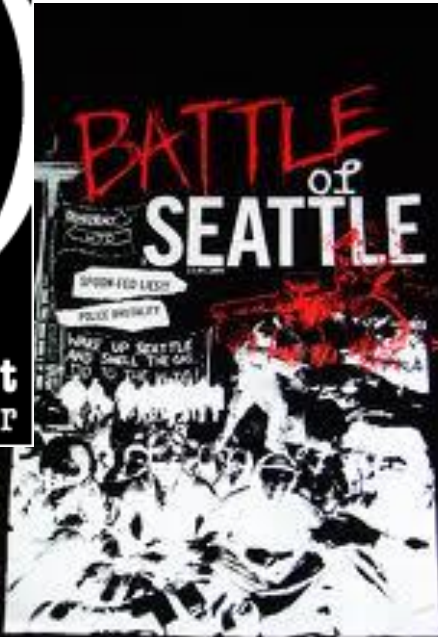


..sukey take it off again



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.

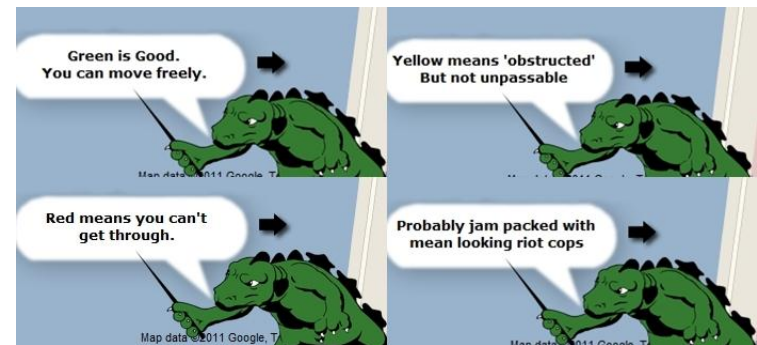




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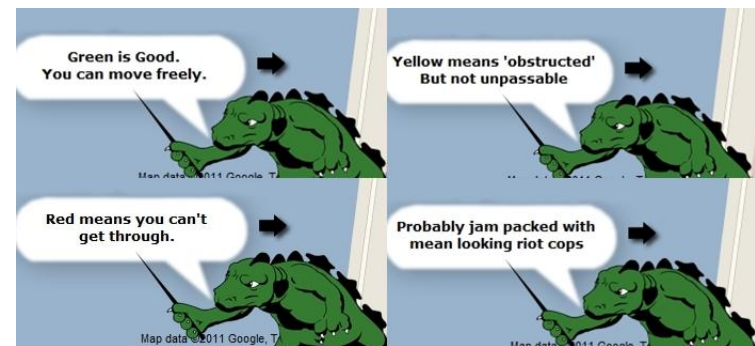


We're like a busy news room' says Bernie. 'we have to get information in, check it makes sense, and then get it back out again'



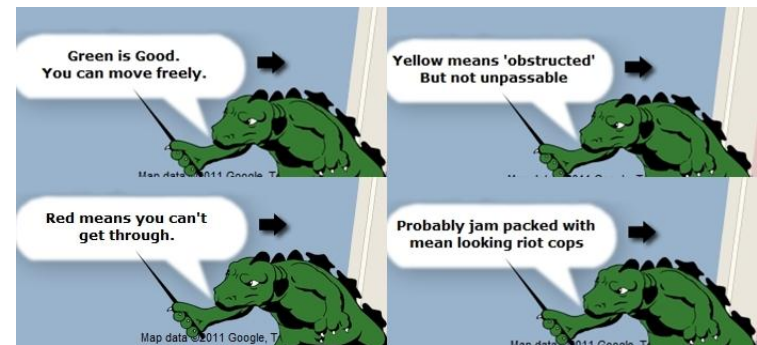


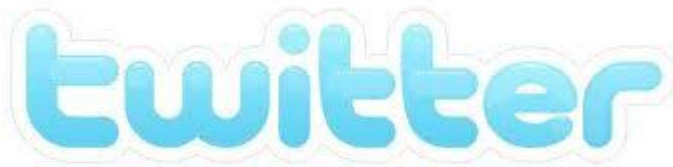
When you see something interesting, you tell us. When we're confident that something has actually happened, we tell you.





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 proud to be colluding with those who violate our rights. A useful tool, but come on...
- ▶ Spitzenprodukte lollinh 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...

