Online Tools

Introduction to Social Media



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Our Goals

- Explore the importance of social media in reaching online audiences and their appropriate uses
- Learn some basic workflows for common social media tools that you can use in your work
- Demonstrate a process framework for coordinating social media





Today's Agenda

- We're going to talk about:
 - Using social media as a tool
 - Compare common online communications tools
 - Social media workflows





What is Social Media?

Online platforms that enable users to communicate, share, and collaborate with friends, friends of friends, even strangers

- Social Media (YouTube, Flickr)
 - Sharing digital content
- Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)
 - Having conversations
- The lines blur :^)

What is Social Media Today?



Conversations with people online Social media Made for people, not organizations It's not going to work perfectly

Not your virtual megaphone



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Advantages of Social Media



Get Relevant News

Allows you to receive curated news from other people in your issue space

Increase Exposure

Gives you easy access to new networks of people through sharing

Generate Conversation & Feedback

Allows two-way conversations

Caveats of Online Tools

- Can take a lot of time
 - Time = Money
- Big corporations who want your data
 - You are the product
- There are billion of tools
 - Which ones do we need?
- Tools change EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.
 - How can we keep up?











Limitations of Online Organizing



Digital Divides

Never forget who is left out by "e" strategies

- Trust relationships are best built in person
 - Online organizing is most effective when it leverages established social networks and communities
- Each community and campaign is different
 Your mileage will vary

Social Media Housekeeping



Lock down your virtual real estate

- Reserve any accounts you could envision using now or in the future
 - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr
- Set them up to look like a family

Strive for name consistency, usually an organizational domain name



Let's Jump Into Some Tools

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Recap

- Remember to define your social media goals to make the most of your time/resources
- Don't feel like you have to be on everything
 - Baby steps; Bite off as much as you can chew
- Think about which tool is right for your goals and audiences



Thank You!



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