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Media and Social Movements: Analysis of "#Yo Soy 132" in Mexico

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Deutz Room in the Copley International Conference Center, Institute of the Americas Complex, UCSD

The seminar will be in Spanish.

The student movement called "#Yo Soy 132" stormed the Mexican public sphere during the 2012 presidential election. It began in a private university and then extended to a social movement which protested against the performance of the national media, especially television. The media was considered unfair and manipulative since it favored one of the four candidates and a political party, Partido Revolucionario Institucional (PRI). Students shared their reactions principally through social networks. You Tube, Twitter and Facebook played an important role triggering a massive mobilization and putting the movement on the public agenda through a platform that allowed the building of a structured organization of participants. The main objective of this research is to identify the importance of media, particularly social networking sites, and the organization and consolidation of one social movement among young people, the analysis of the case "#Yo Soy 132" in Mexico.



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