



# A proposal for transparization of the future of Iran

How do we create a better future?



# What do we all want?

- Democracy
- Equality
- A better future
- Woman.Life.Freedom
- Help people of Iran
- Minimize bloodshed



## Common challenges Women.Life.Freedom movement may face:

- Uncertainties about the future:
  - Fear of giving rise to authoritarians similar to in Egypt and other failed revolutions
  - Fear of a civil war similar to Syria
  - Not knowing what will happen is frightening
- Lack of knowledge/education
- Lack of an opposition/coalition
- Lack of solid plans for the future
  - What may happen in the transitory state of the movement?
  - What plans do we have for after the revolution?
  - How are we planning to rebuild Iran?



## Research Questions

- How could we minimize the uncertainties about the future?
- How could we facilitate giving birth to a coalition?
- Could we create a leaderless opposition?



## Research Question

How could we help to minimize the uncertainties about the future?



## **Solution: Open Governance**

Open governance refers to the principles of transparency, participation, and accountability in decision-making and governing processes.



# Digital Transparency

- Transparent financing:
  - Tracking the new government expenses
  - Tracking where citizen's tax may go
- Access to all government information
  - Decision making
  - Operational methods
  - Plannings
  - Open source software
- Big Data

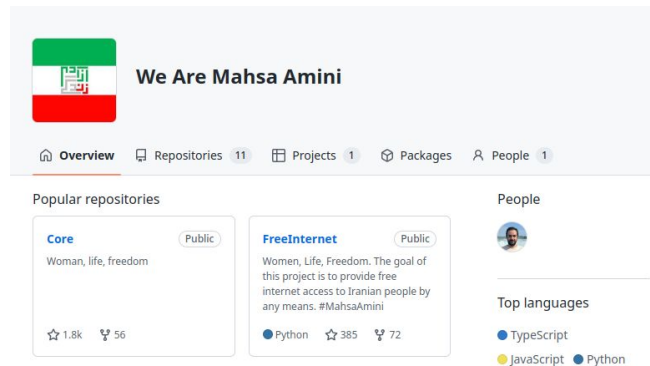
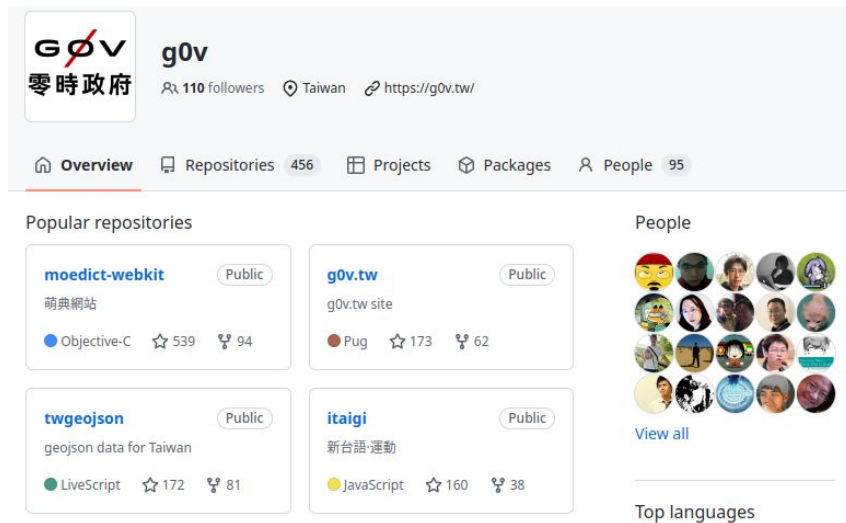
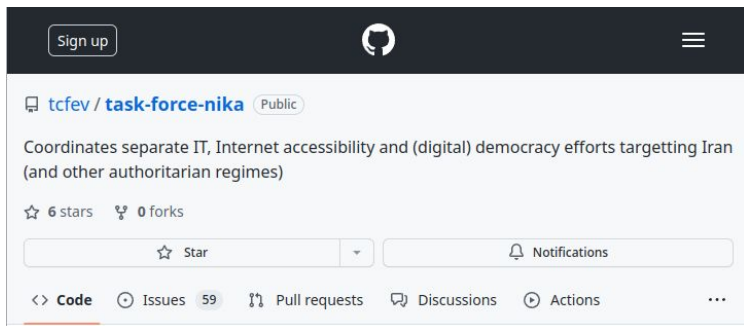
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# Big Data - Big Concern: Privacy Protection & Spying



# Open Source Context

- Open audit of how exactly the software operates
- Open collaboration
- Examples of successful movements
- Transparency
- Only open source software can be truly trusted





## Open Science - Open Education

Open science is the movement to make scientific research and its dissemination accessible to all levels of society, including amateur and professional background. Open science is transparent and accessible knowledge that is shared and developed through collaborative networks.

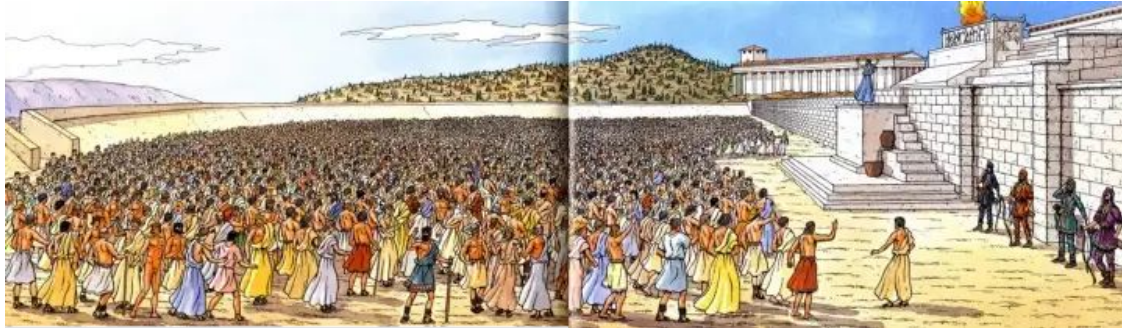


## Open Source Open Science

- The progress of the scientific work is recorded
- This introduces the concept of active updating scientific work and admitting scientific work is not error free
- Open source science makes it possible for anyone to collaborate and propose new plans for the future of Iran, make a copy of any plans, modify and suggest changes, raise their questions and criticize the existing plans.
- All these processes are completely transparent

# Deliberative Democracy

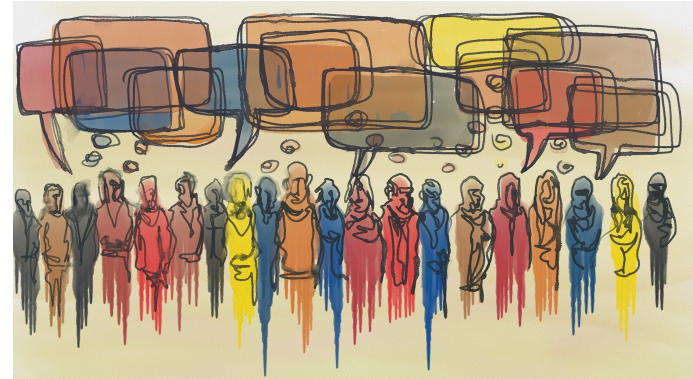
In deliberative democracy, citizens exchange arguments and consider different claims that are designed to secure the public good. Through this conversation, citizens can come to an agreement and reach consensus about what procedure, action, or policy will best produce the public good.



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# Deliberative/Participatory Digital Democracy

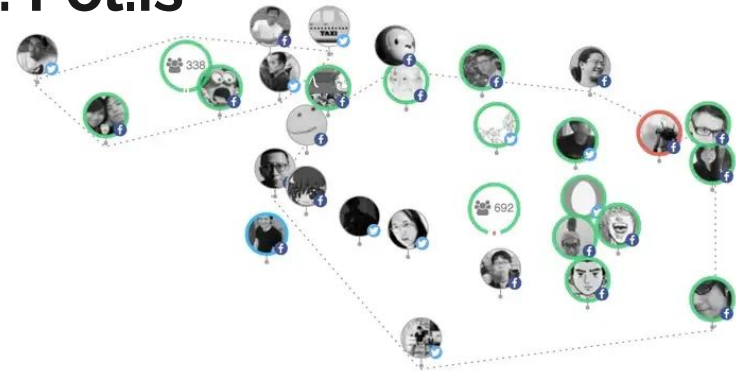
Digital democracy social media platforms can open up governmental affairs with analyzing how large crowd thinks, find solutions, reach consensus and translate the consensus into legalese and make it law.



# Digital Democracy Platforms: Pol.is

Pol.is is a real-time system for gathering, analyzing and understanding what large groups of people think in their own words, enabled by advanced statistics and machine learning.

This tool has been used to reach consensus on polarized subjects, and the consensus translated to legalese and signed into law



Opinion Group: 1 2 Majority Opinion



Anonymous

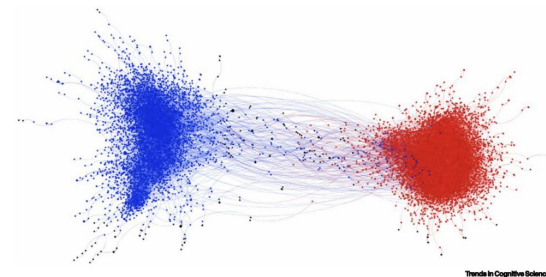
I think we should review staff. Passenger protection. Must take into account the interests of driving. The most important thing is safety first


92% Agreed

# Digital Democratic Media vs Social Media

- Similar to a town hall
- A troll free platform
- Is created with the objective of a safe platform for rational discussions and policy making
- Includes deliberative democracy mediums that can scale up to millions
- Scientifically Analyzes how large crowd thinks
- Creates consensus even on polarized subjects

- Similar to bars, nightclubs
- People are rude, fight, shout, troll and extreme ends of the society are highlighted
- Is created with the objective of more engagement, with clickbaits for ad sells.
- Polarizes and divides the society





# Digital Democracy - Successful Example

## Significat example: Covid Experience In Taiwan:

- Zero days of lockdowns - No authoritarian measure like the states and EU.
- Open data, and social innovation lab handled misinformation and educated the public.
- A ministry of digital whose job is to fight against misinformation and find social innovations for unforeseen events.
- Citizens cannot just criticize the governmental actions because they have access to the same data as the governmental officials. You can't complain about the distribution of masks since you have the same data as well, but you can help the government find better optimal routes.





# Digital Democracy - Case Study

Deliberative Polling experiments have been conducted over 100 times in 29 countries.

Unification of Korea, South Korea (August 2011)	Before Deliberation	After Deliberation
Unification is “unnecessary”	72%	91%
Unification would be beneficial to South Korea	48%	73%
Continuing humanitarian aid to North Korea regardless of the nuclear issue	43%	78%
South Korea should possess nuclear weapons	53%	34%



## Hypothesis

Educating the public and solid plans for the future, implementing open governance, transparency and digital democracy can reduce uncertainties, open up people's imagination, and give birth to a leaderless opposition.



## Coalition - Research Question

How could we facilitate giving birth to a coalition?



## Coalition - Research Questions

- How many members should the coalition have?
- What are the objectives of the coalition?
- What are the core principles of the coalition?
- Who are the members of the coalition?
- How could we ensure transparency in all aspects of the coalition?
- What is the selection process for the members of the coalition?
- How could this coalition gets legitimacy in representation of the people of Iran with Iranian diaspora members?
- How do we involve the people inside Iran to participate in the coalition?
- What are the decision-making methods, and operational strategies of this coalition?




## **Coalition:** What are the objectives of the coalition?

1. Representing people of Iran to the world
2. Creation of open scientific plans for the future of Iran and conducting case studies of the world for all the governing aspects



## Coalition - Open Source Open Science Plan

- The formation of this plan could become an open source scientific plan
- This adds legitimacy to the plan as it allows anonymous secure participation for the people inside Iran
- Open source science creates a possibility of discourse, feedback loop and collaboration
  - The creator of the plans must answer concerns of the Iranian people



**Coalition:** How does this coalition gets legitimacy in representation of the people of Iran with the Iranian diaspora members?

- Radical transparency in the coalition
  - Live Streams
  - Publishing all the digital data
  - A transparency protocol to ensure openness
- Valid data that supports this claim
  - Could be reported analysis of multiple NPOs
  - Analysis of social media
  - Forward voting: Iranian diaspora could forward their friends and relatives vote with the advanced security protocols
  - Statistical analysis of all of the above to create a valid hypothesis with a good confidence interval



## **Coalition:** Criteria for the members of the coalition?

- Representativeness of the people inside Iran
- Meritocracy in abilities to conduct case studies of the world and creating open science plans





## **Coalition:** What is the selection process for the members of the coalition?

- Open data of resumes, statements and recording of applications
- Livestream of interviews between the applicants and Iranians
- Open QA between the people and applicants
- Analytical reports for the best candidates made by multiple NPOs
- Analysis of social media
- Forward voting: Iranian diaspora could forward their friends and relatives vote with the advanced security protocols
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**Thank you for your time!**  
**Let's collaborate in creating a better future  
plan for Iran**  
**I invite you to collaborate in creation and  
introduction of this plan for the coalition**