

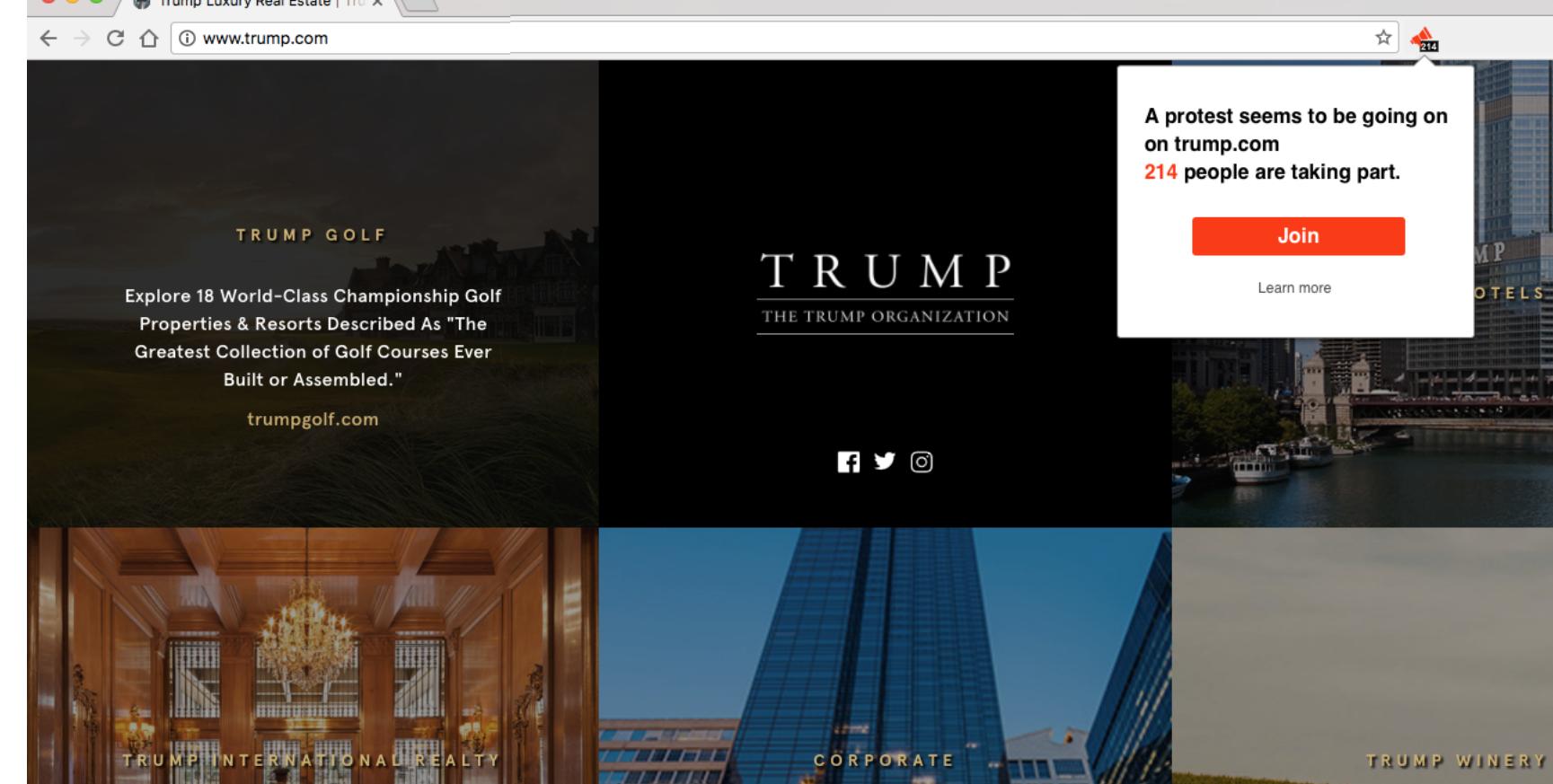
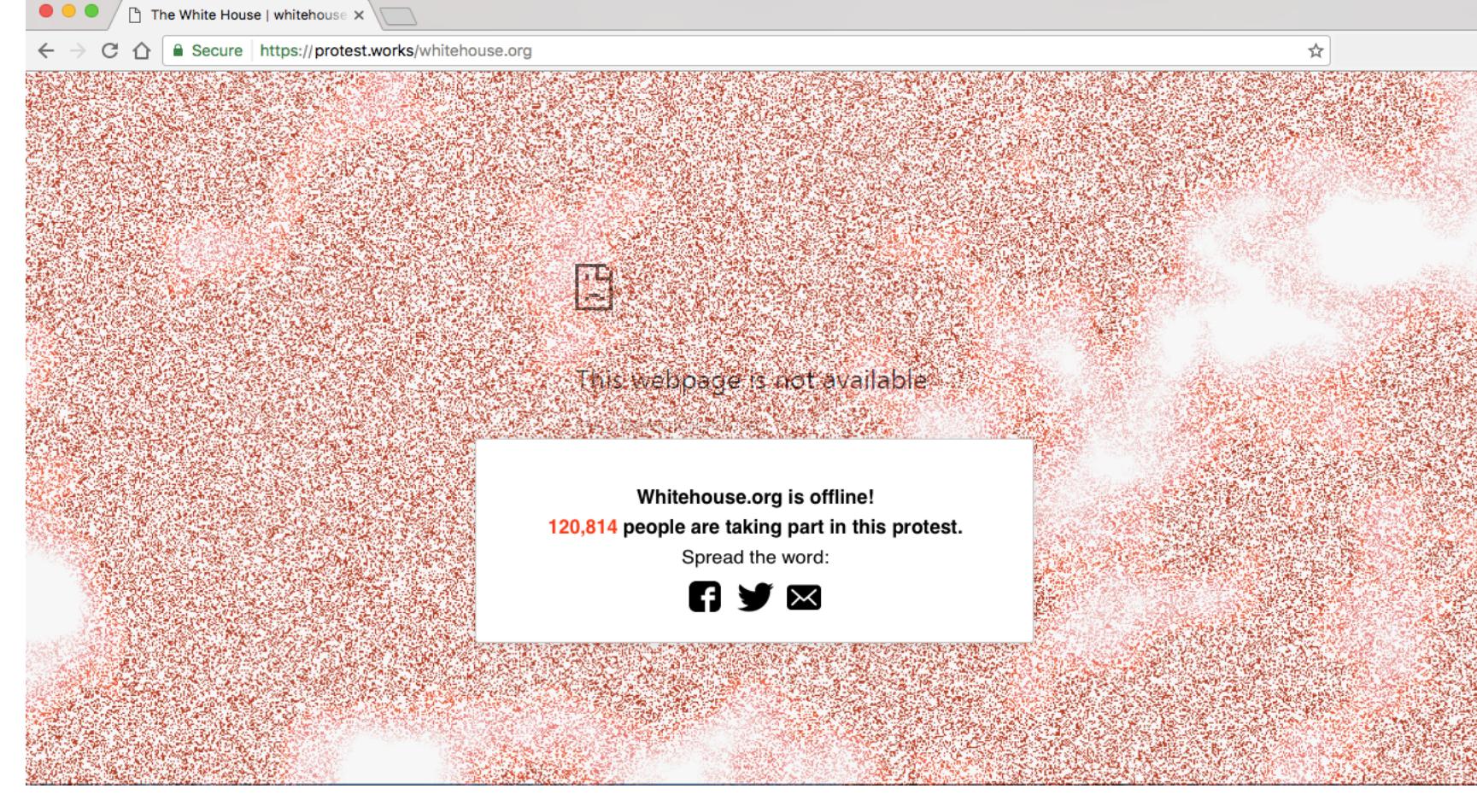
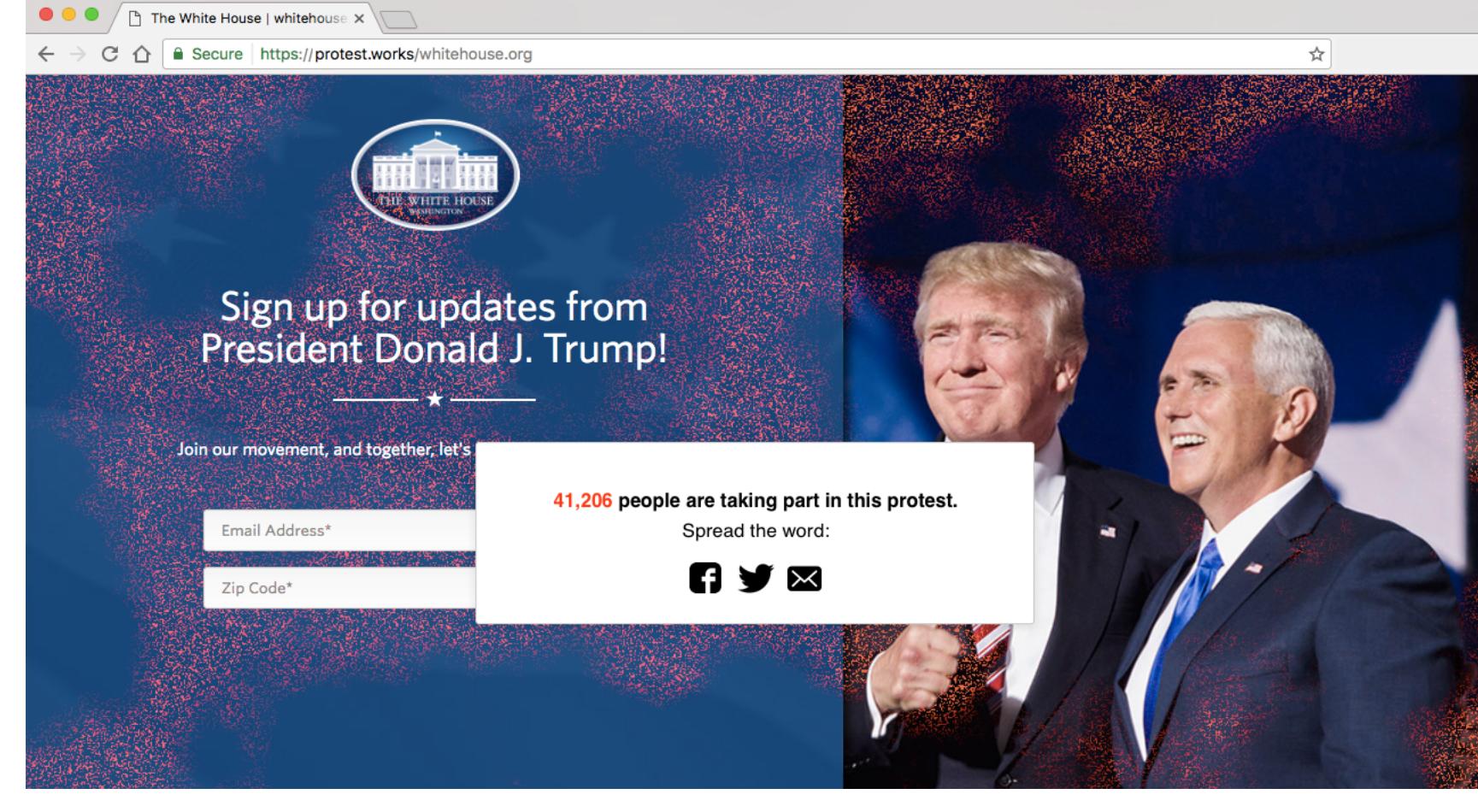
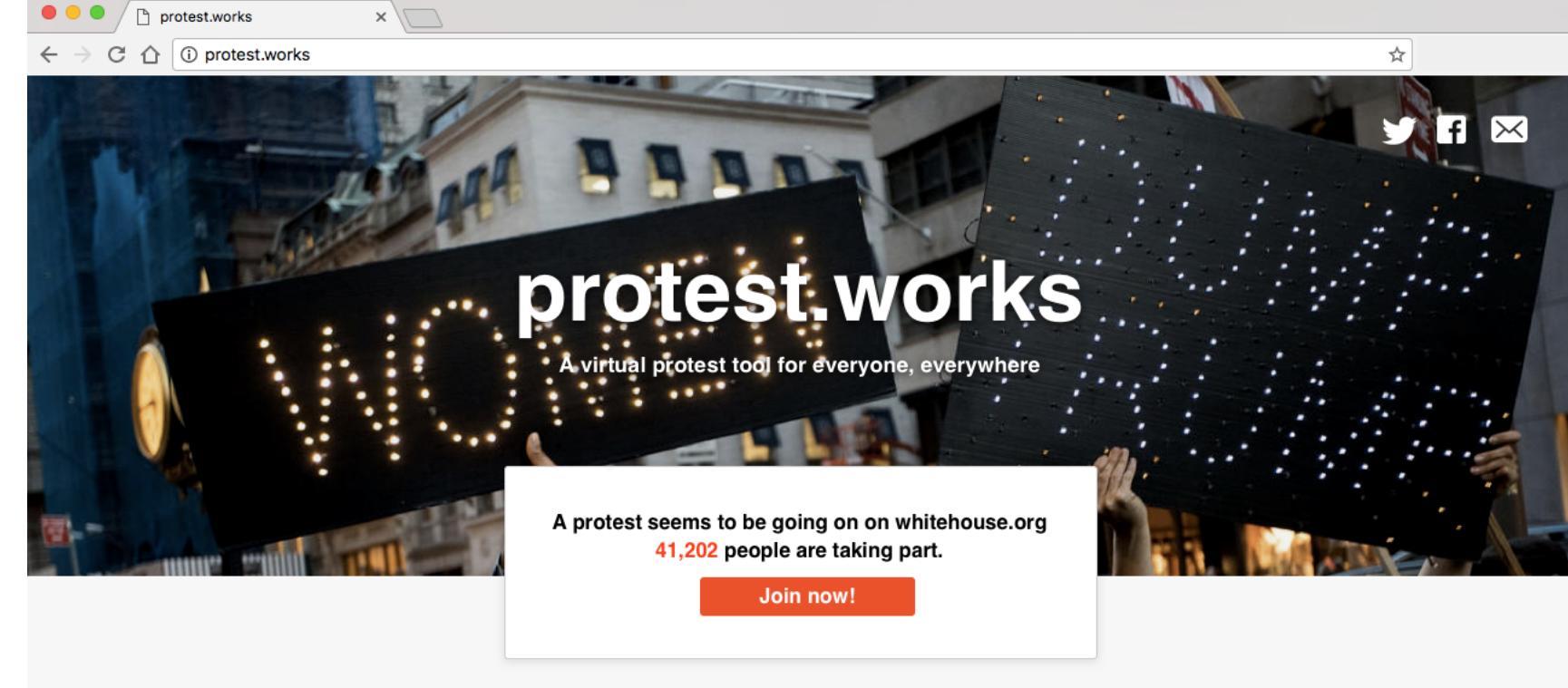
The following is a rough mock-up of **one potential application** of the proposed research. It is to be viewed as a proposal rather than a well-defined concept. Thorough research and design work would inform the final product of my collaboration with Eyebeam.

When visiting the project's site, people get a glimpse of the virtual protests currently active. The page would also be used as a pedagogical space for learning about the technical and legal implications of online protesting.

Upon joining a protest, users are redirected to the target site (whitehouse.org in this example). An overlay visualizes the number of people involved in real time, making it an engaging way to understand the impact of the collective action. In the image above, each red particle represents one participant.

Provided the sit-in gathers sufficient participation, the target site could become unresponsive for minutes, hours or days.

Additionally, a browser extension could be designed to notify people when a site they are visiting in the course of their daily browsing is the target of a protest. This would facilitate protest mobilization in an efficient and organic way.



Visual references for visualizing crowd engagement in real-time:



Instead of abstract particles, emojis can be used to represent each protester, similarly to Periscope or Facebook live.



The network of participants can be visualized in ways that highlight interactions between individuals.