

## Internet Activism

Throughout the late 20th century and standing strong in the 21st century, internet activism has made an apparent impression on the many lives around the globe. The internet acts as a platform to share local news to virtually anywhere and allows the 'average' person to get acknowledged and speak about issues that can essentially affect everyone. Groups like *Anonymous* act as "an Internet gathering" with "a very loose and decentralized command structure that operates on ideas rather than directives". They have played a key role in moving things not only virtually but also, in our daily lives. There are others opposed to the idea of internet activism calling it "laziness."

There are always going to be people that argue "not" physically doing something is laziness but then there are some that believe only working physically requires no brain power. Unfortunately, both sides of these arguments are wrong. When there's a debate over something on the internet, "talking online is educating people, and thus, *doing* something – something extremely important, I might add" describes the blogger **Sian Ferguson** on *Everyday Feminism*. Of course, it's important to note, offline activism is equally important to make a change. Online activism allows people that usually wouldn't speak up to share their knowledge. More specifically, groups like Anonymous allow this kind of activism to stand on it's own rather than blaming it on a particular group of people. It's genius in it's own way.

Resources:

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