Welcome to a Power On Network Online Presentation

From CNN to Facebook: Harnessing the Power of Integrated Communications

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Harnessing the Power of Integrated Communications



From the beginning!





















Strategic Communications for Building Power

Strategic communications is talking to the right people at the right time and saying the right things in order to build our power. Strategic communications sets up our organizations to be proactive as opposed to reactive, and creates space for material victories while challenging right wing hegemony. In order to be effective strategic communications planning and execution is fully integrated into all aspects of our organizations, and is based on an honest assessment of available resources

-Miami Workers Center







Where do we start?





Where do we start?...Audience!







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Tactics

Media Action coverage Longer term / Bigger picture stories OpEd and Letters Freelance Stories Ethnic Media

Propaganda

- Culturally appropriate
- Consistent "good" design; consistent frame



Tactics

Online Organizing (website, blog, eblast, donation) Earn your list Personal Voice Maintain contact database Regular contact, but not too much Set benchmarks and measure outcomes On-line actions, tied to base work Social Networking



2000 - ? : Justice for Scotts

- CHALLENGE: Government project displaced residents & destroyed a Black neighborhood
- STRATEGY: Shift Frames from "racist" to "corruption and bad housing policy"
- TIMING:
- On the heels of Katrina coverage, development boom, comms campaign around gentrification
- Built on credibility and expertise from 6 years of organizing
- Worked with investigative reporter for 6 months
- New Website, New Email system







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2008: March on the Mayors

CHALLENGE: Nat'l Mayors Conference already framed as urban democracy, messaging a movement, Cuban factor, RTTC not on the map.

STRATEGY: Mayors Conference as hook to frame RTTC movement, centering neo-liberalism and human rights (+ power).

TIMING: U.S. Conference of Mayors, Presidential Elections







Key Insight and Best Practices



Communications Can Lead





Integrated Communications





Marketing Works





Organize the Media





Spokespeople: Leaders, not Victims





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Reach beyond the base, beyond the media





Timing is everything





Training and Practice









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