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Q6(c)

How can you assess the significance of social movements in the digital era? Explain

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Connective action

Bennett and Segerberg: sharing-based mobilisation that does not always need a central organisation.

Castells on networked movements

Outrage and hope circulating in digital networks as a contemporary form of contention.

Tufekci's caution

Easy digital turnout can precede, and sometimes substitute for, organisational capacity.

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