

## Communication Technology in Democracy 2.0: Facilitator or an exploiter?

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The recent Twitter revolutions highlight the role changing communication modes have on democracy. Technology can yield a modern Habermasian public sphere facilitating information sharing, but it can also turn into a digital panopticon open to exploitation. The discussion will focus on the ethical impact of technology on the democratic process as we upgrade to the digitally-enabled Democracy 2.0.

This discussion takes place in cooperation with the Beacon Project of the [International Republican Institute](#), the [National Endowment for Democracy](#) and CEVRO.

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