Digital Solidarity

Europe and its Communications Disorder

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Argument: Discourse-based understanding of poverty of European solidarity

Puzzle:
• Why did the Europeans let the markets disembend?
• Why so little transnational community-making?
• And how does all this relate to communication?
Forms of Solidarity

- Solidarity
  - Citizen centered solidarity
  - Intergovernmental Solidarity
    - Organical Solidarity
    - Mechanical Solidarity
      - Active Solidarity
      - Passive Solidarity
        - Redistributive Solidarity
        - Constitutive Solidarity
• Society (exchanging) vs community (sharing)

• Analog (relationship) vs digital communication (information)
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Functional integration with out empathy
Society of singularities
Echo chambers
Social spaces for cherry-pickers

Or

Lively public space
Active prosumers
Online peer production of public goods
Stimulating the offline world
In a nutshell

Europe w/t redistributive transnational solidarity not sustainable

Bottom-up growth of transnational solidarity via online media as first-best opportunity