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# The Internet and Mass Protest in Autocracies

*In the aftermath of the Arab Spring, many observers argued that Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), notably the Internet, played a key role for the mobilization of popular uprisings. Inspired by these accounts, we investigate the influence of Internet connectivity on the dynamics of anti-regime protests in autocratic regimes. Using new, fine-grained data on Internet penetration and a new event database on protest, we show that Internet penetration reduces the incidence of protest, but can catalyse ongoing episodes of protest once they have started.*

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