

Not just gesture politics?

- 1 SOME of the sheen has come off the belief that online activism can change the world. The social-media revolutions of the Arab Spring and the antics of hacktivist group Anonymous in opposing online censorship have diffused into "slacktivism" – changing a profile picture, or reposting a status update, to show support for a favoured cause.
- 2 The suspicion is that such feel-good actions boost self-esteem but achieve precious little else. Some critics say such easy acts 41 if they replace more meaningful action, such as donating to a charity or volunteering time and labour. Are people right to be worried?
- 3 Perhaps, but the picture is complex. It seems that those signing up to online petitions are more willing to donate to a cause related to the petition, but give smaller amounts than non-signatories would.

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- 1p 41 Which of the following fits the gap in paragraph 2?
- A can often have a snowball effect
 - B may well reflect a critical attitude
 - C might even be harmful
 - D should obviously be ignored
 - E will only be taken seriously

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