

RESISTANCE

Methods and tools of the pirate movements



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Background

Piracy in the sense of copyright infringement has always existed. However, because of the new technologies such as the Internet, the means of piracy is now available to almost everyone. This caused the copyright dependant companies to begin a political fight against piracy using lobbying and other means. The foundation of organisations such as 'Piratbyrån' and the pirate party can be seen as a reaction to this. With the political struggle, other movements also saw the threat from the policies represented by the copyright dependent companies, primarily within civil liberties. As a result of this the political framework of the pirate party focuses to a large extent on civil liberties and the infringements required on these when enforcing the copyright laws from an earlier technological era.

Overview

Methods

- Peer to peer chat
- Filesharing
- Wikimedia
- Commentary – Blogs, media, etc.
- Social media – Youtube, Facebook etc.
- Home pages – party, campaign sites etc.

Overview

Examples

- Signature gathering for party registration
- Pirate Bay demonstrations
- 2006 parliament elections
- Sharing is Caring – blood donor campaign

Peer to peer chat

Features

- Peer to peer
- Free of charge
- Encrypted
- Chat, voice and file transfer
- Backlog
- Presence

Possibilities

- Flattens organisational structure
- Anyone has the possibility to participate
- Ensures information integrity
- Enables simultaneous use of multiple technologies, full integration
- Constant work flow possible
- Always reaching available resources

File sharing

Features

- Peer to peer
- Distributed
- Standardized
- Open source

Possibilities

- Independence from external parties
- Information is always available
- Platform interoperability
- Anyone can improve the method

Wikimedia

Features

- Multiple authors
- Open to editing
- Version management
- Forum
- Standardised
- User friendly

Possibilities

- Co authored documents increase credibility
- Anyone has the possibility to participate
- Ensures information integrity and encourages change
- Enables continuous discussion
- Certain work ethic ingrained, recognition
- Quick set-up, new users feel welcome

Commentary

Features

- Presence/Wide audience
- Multi-faceted
- Instant feedback

Possibilities

- Show vitality and responsiveness of movement, increases validity of resistance
- Proves the heterogeneous nature of members
- Provides both the author and the audience with immediate response

Social media

Features

- Free of charge
- Inherent network
- Groups
- Enormous audience
- Availability
- Commentary

Possibilities

- Evens out the playground
- Automatically keep track of and create network within the movement
- Creates an identity for the movement
- Reach more people than ever possible before the advent of social media
- Let people organise themselves
- Enables knowledge of commentary usefulness to be put to maximum use

Home pages

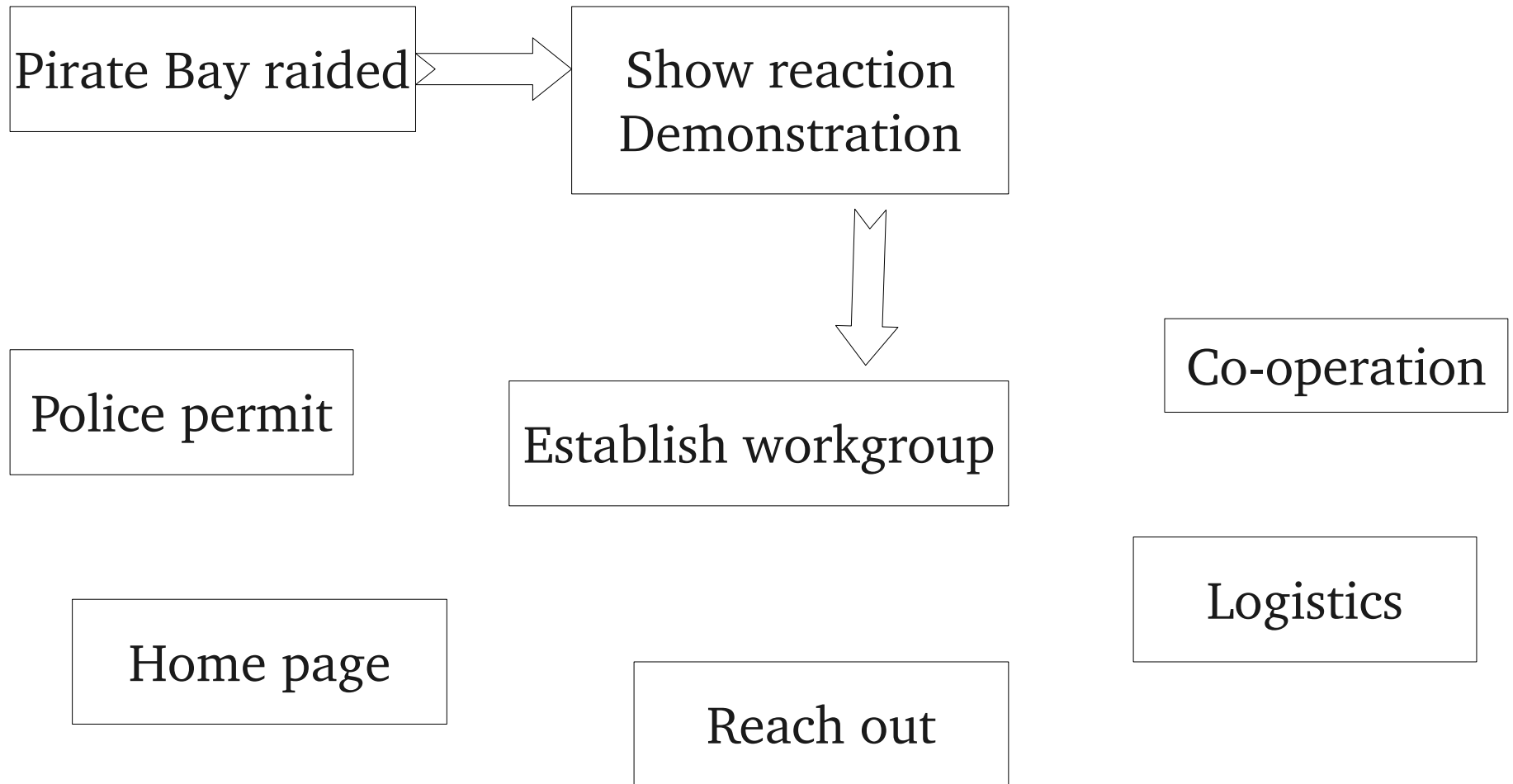
Features

- Availability
- Blogs
- Hyperlinks
- Portal
- Forum

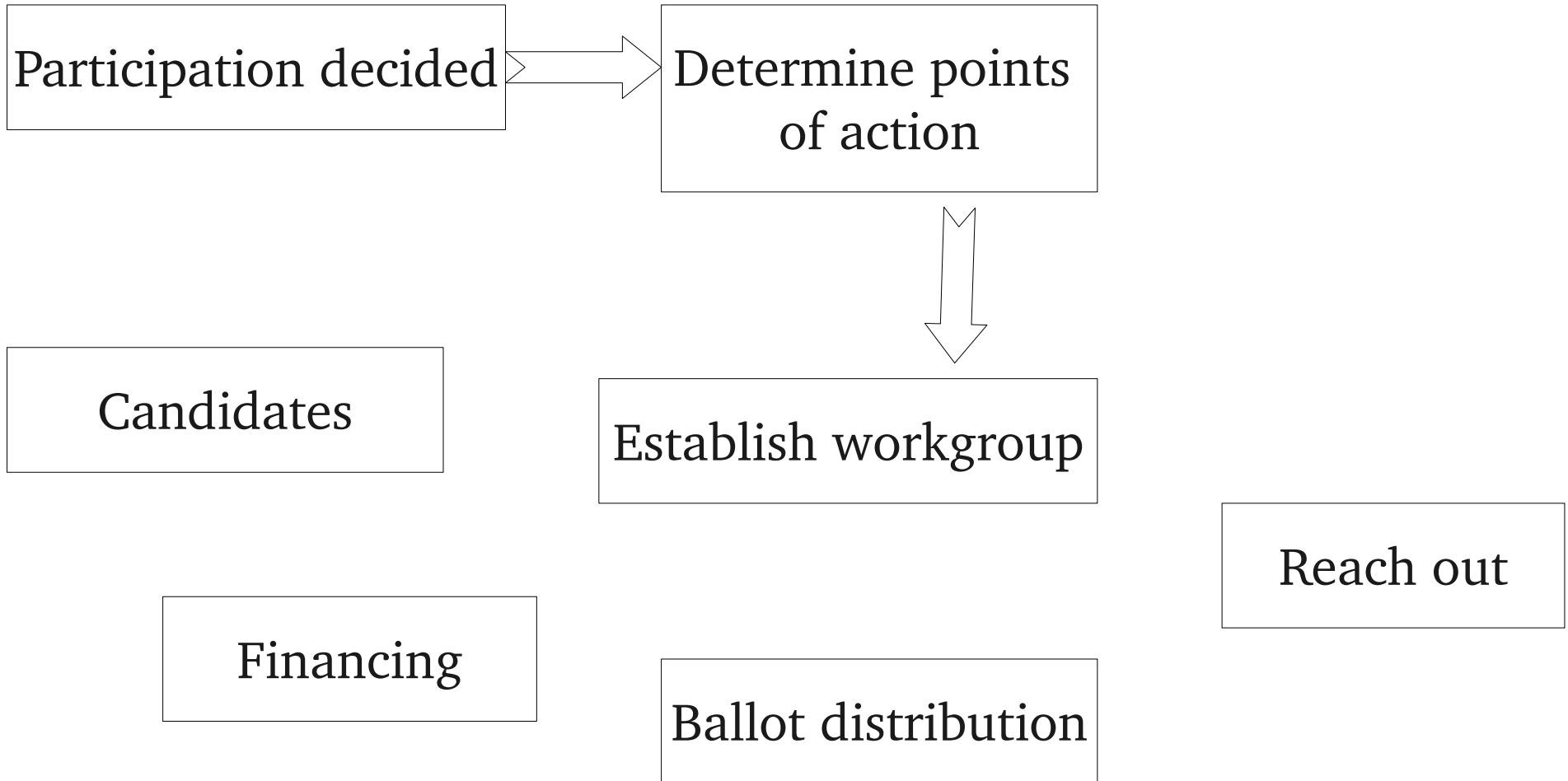
Possibilities

- Always give updated information
- Show the multi-faceted nature of the organisation
- Create network and join existing networks
- Easy access to other functions
- Vital traced discussion with broad participation

Pirate Bay demonstrations



2006 election



Sharing is caring – Blood donor

