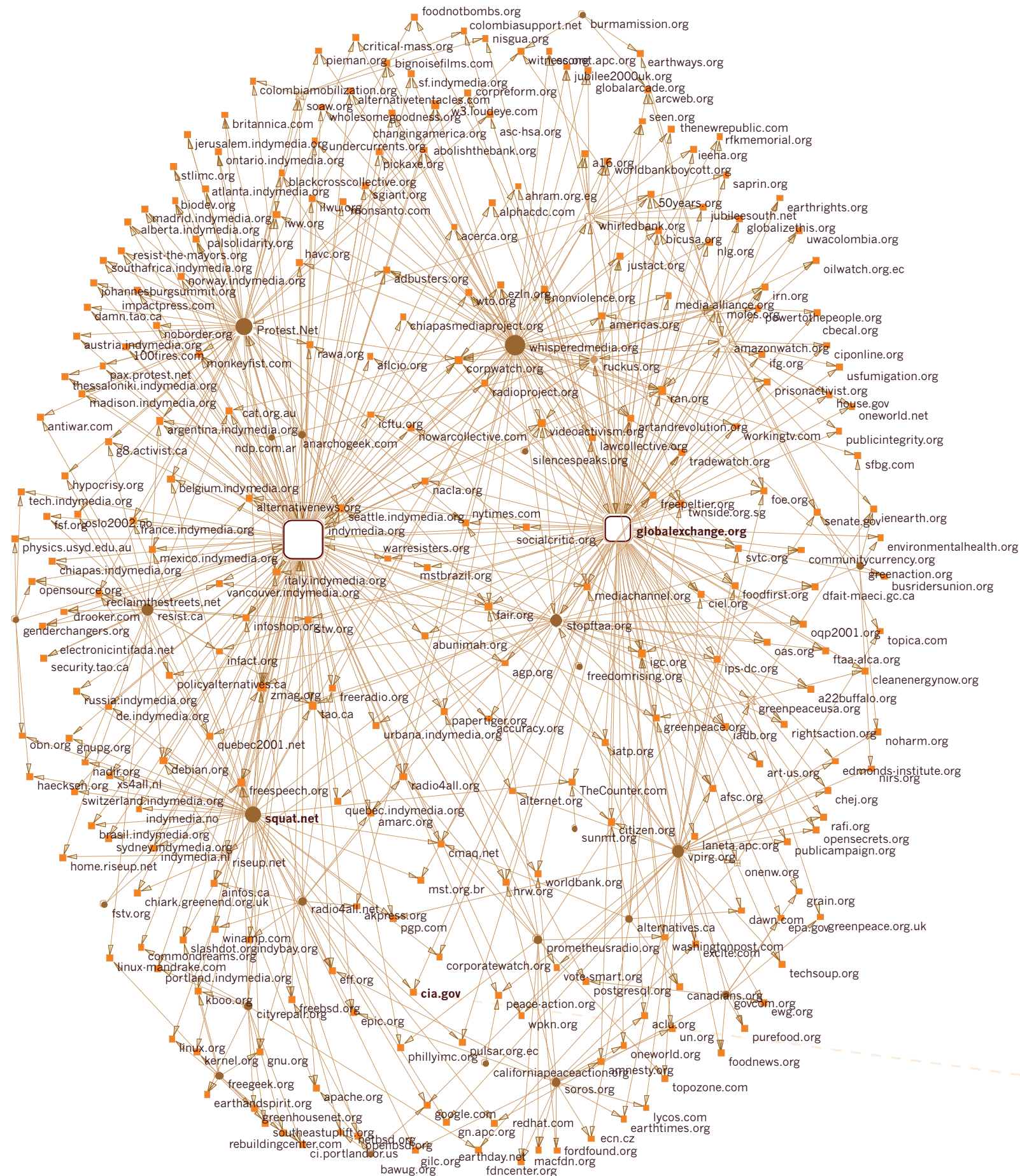# Who's here? (Who should be here?)

The Ruckus Society Camp Social Network Map, June 2002.
Co-link analysis of the outlinks from the camp participants' sites.

The Ruckus Society is opening a Tech Toolbox Action Camp (...) to train activists in new technologies and to pool together experts. But program director Han Shan warns against developing a fetish for electronic toys. Basic things like text messaging, micro-radio broadcasting, and e-mail to Palm Pilots have already made street organizing far more effective, he observes.

Still, one can take technology so far that protests become a bloodless ritual, a meaningless Kabuki. Imagine the Washington Mall filled with angry citizens shoulder-to-shoulder, fists raised high with righteous anger—all holograms projected by people safely in their living rooms. Think that's absurd? The folks at www.whitehouseprotests.com will, for a fee, carry your banner and chant your slogan in the capital, and send you a photo of the day's events.

"Robots and flying machines are fanciful and interesting, but there's simply no replacement for human bodies on the street to show our power in numbers and for being radically nonviolent. The purest way of people communicating their outrage is putting themselves in harm's way," Shan says. You have to be willing to "throw [your] body like a monkey wrench into the machine to say, 'No more!' "

An excerpt from Erik Baard,
"Tech Wars in Meat Space," *Village Voice*, August 1-7 2001.
http://www.villagevoice.com/issues/0131/baard.php.

Map FAQs

What is this?

The map was made by two pieces of software. The first, the IssueCrawler by govcom.org, crawled the camp participants' Web sites, captured the sites' outgoing links, and found all common outgoing links. Privileging the seed URLs, the technique keeps the participants (on the map) and adds those Web sites that received at least two links from them. The second piece of software, ReseauLu by aguidel.com, clusters the sites according to most significant ties. Node size is relative to total in and outlinks.

What do the circles and the squares mean?

Large rounded squares give and receive many links, rectangles receive links from the network and circles give links to the network.

Why ain't I on here? (I was at the camp.)

We ran the queries after the first day of the camp, and only those participants who put their names down on the "Who's Here?" sign-up sheet were entered into the software. You may be on the map even if you did not sign up, because at least two attendees link to you.

What's the CIA doing on the map?

Globalexchange.org and Squat.net link to them.

www.resist.ca
www.indymedia.org
www.vpirg.org
www.westernquaker.org
www.soaw.org
www.ruckus.org
www.moles.org
www.amazonwatch.org
www.prometheusradio.org
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www.greenpeaceusa.org
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www.radicalhealth.org

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