

Kadyrov on Instagram: Mediating Authority in a Web 2.0 World



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Social media are frequently celebrated for providing democratic and decentralized means for citizen expression without media filters. What happens when social media becomes the go-to mode of communication for more authoritarian political leaders? Consider the Instagram use by Ramzan Kadyrov, the ex-warlord and charismatic leader of Chechnya and the insight this provides on the profile of authority it projects, its contribution to Kadyrov's growing reputation of one of Russia's most powerful politicians, and the broader implications of this trend on the potential of new media for promoting civic discourse in Russian politics.

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