

## [Clearing the Cache: Not So Much the End As...](#)

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- So, it seems like the reason #WhyMubarakIsLate turned out to be because he was busy thinking up a few dozen ways to say, ['I'm not going.'](#)
- Retiring California Democrat Rep. Jane Harman, asked by CNN's John King no one seemed to see Egypt coming, says that the intelligence and political worlds [might have "underestimated the importance of social media."](#) The questions not being asked? "What's going on in social media in these countries? Or what's going on in social media elsewhere that could influence activities in these countries?" Harman worries about cross-cultural bleedover: "[E]veryone should know that there is a social media being prepared in Yemen in colloquial English that Americans can read here, and that is influencing some Americans, unfortunately, to contemplate extreme behavior."
- Former Republican National Committee online director Todd Herman [doesn't seem thrilled with the direction that the old committee's going on tech.](#)
- AlterNet's Adele Stan profiles ["two of the most feared people in Washington,"](#) Stephanie Taylor and Adam Green, and the Progressive Change Campaign Committee they've helped to build in just the last few years.
- Sure, Syria has unblocked access to Facebook and YouTube, [but just what does the government have in mind?](#)
- Cato's Jim Harper [factors in the weight -- literal and figurative -- of legislation](#) to try to figure out a better way to chart how well Obama's doing on sunlight before signing.

- A DC event of possible interest: the New Organizing Institute is doing ["Organizing Lessons from the Demonstrations in Egypt"](#) tonight.
- Phoebe Connelly interviews NPR's Andy Carvin on what goes into [curating tweets from Egypt for "14-16 hours a day."](#)
- Huffington Post's Jason Linkins tries to shed a little light on [the difference between HuffPo's unpaid bloggers and actual employees like himself](#): ""First of all, there's this expectation that on a daily basis, you will show up and do work. In an office and everything!"
- [Will AOL writ large have a liberal bent?](#) "Absolutely no," says Arianna Huffington.
- Seems like old news, but since it happened between yesterday's and today's caches...the Craisglist using [Rep. Chris Lee resigns](#).
- [The State Department starts tweeting in Arabic](#).
- And [fake tweet or Sarah Palin?](#) Humor Twitter accounts are getting pretty good at the craft.