

From Platform Brutality to Organized Networks

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The extractivist platform logic has rendered the possibility to create and maintain federated, decentralized networks impossible. Users are increasingly subjected to the politics of American and Chinese Big Tech firms. What does it mean in the sub-Saharan African context to get stuck on the platform? The existential revolt of Gen Z that is unfolding everywhere has an unresolved love-hate dynamic with social media at its core. Is there a universal human right on a mental breakdown of the online self? How can free spaces for alternative communication channels and image production be created?