

The Citizen Peacemaker

MAKEUP

Makeup worn by citizen peacemakers reference the masks worn in the 2020s to fend off COVID-19; a symbol of solidarity, activism, and collective vulnerability. The makeup of today is a form of self-expression, solidarity to the cause, and protection from algorithmic identification.

Anti-surveillance makeup was first explored by Adam Harvey and operationalized during the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020.

DRONES

Typical citizen peacemakers have multiple drones for reconnaissance, mesh network creation, data collection and streaming purposes.

DREAMCATCHER

The dreamcatcher is a visual manifestation connecting individuals to the swarm of protestors. The dreamcatcher constantly receives and reflects changing signals on the colorful microLED arrays. Protests can be viewed by remote supporters via aerial or satellite streams.

FARADAY POCKET

A Faraday pocket creates a protective cage for device(s) so that citizen peacemakers can control who has access to their devices and data. The pocket protects against tracking, hacking, and unauthorized transmission. Typically, the primary phone is kept in the Faraday pocket.

HOLO-JACKET

These iridescent jackets not only protect citizen peacemakers from surveillance and extreme heat or cold, but they are a playful contrast with the austere colors and crisp lines typifying authority.

The modern holographic jacket is inspired by emergency blankets used by climate refugees and supporters in the first migrant protests against their marginalized conditions in Europe.

PHONE

The personal phone acts as the primary receiver, monitor, and connection interface for other devices, citizen peacemakers, and remote supporters. Typically an old phone or secondary phone is repurposed. The iPhone 12 and Huawei P40 and even Nokia 2730 are popular obsolete models still used.

HELMET

While helmets of the past protected from physical violence, modern helmets protect from invisible dangers: pathogens, extreme weather conditions, and surveillance.

The semi-transparent, fishbowl helmet allows wearers to hide their identity while remaining visible to other citizen peacemakers.

The fishbowl was first used in the U.K. in 2023 against algorithmic surveillance and later popularized due to easy DIY production using recycled plastic.

RACKET & UMBRELLA

Today, the racket and umbrella are typically worn as a reference to pro-democracy and to show solidarity with protestors of the past. These mundane and non-threatening items became symbols of the Hong Kong Protests and the Umbrella Movement in 2014, where they were used to ward off rain, pepper spray, and tear gas.

POV CAMERA

The POV camera captures and streams video footage from the first person perspective of the citizen peacemaker.

Multiple cameras are typically used to record demonstrations from different perspectives. Recordings are valuable for on the ground data collection and to keep a record of events including violence. Video can be broadcasted and shared or stored as a later record with remote audiences.

BACKPACK

The backpack still serves the age old function of holding extra supplies and gear. Today it can also hold portable local networks, solar panels, and batteries, or function as Faraday bags to prevent data collection.

DATA-GLOVES

Data-Gloves simultaneously protect and collect rich sensor data from protestors and their environments. Sensors can detect activity or stress of individuals, e.g. through heartbeat sensors to help them quantify and understand short- and long-term health impacts. Sensor data can also be monitored by supporters and visualized to the world, e.g. the locations, length of protests. In emergency situations, protestors can use the gloves to send SOS signals.

FOOTWEAR

Good footwear, comfortable for long hours of standing and protective against the elements has always been a basic necessity for citizen peacemakers.



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