



Clay Shirky

AUTHOR · FUTURIST · TED SPEAKER

Studies and writes about the social, political and economic effects of Internet technologies

About:

- **Gender:** Male
- **Languages:** English
- **Travels from:** United States

Engagement Types:

- Guest Appearance
- Panel Participation
- Speaking

Topics:

- Customer Analytics
- Future of Work
- Global Economics & Markets
- Growth Strategy
- International Trade
- Leadership & Management
- People & Culture
- Social Media Marketing

Biography Highlights

- Clay Shirky is a mould breaking writer, consultant and New York University (NYU) professor.

Biography

Clay Shirky was one of the first thinkers to grasp the importance of the social revolution and to hold the title Professor of New Media. Consistently ahead of the game he now studies and writes about the social, political and economic effects of Internet technologies.

Clay is a vibrant, impassioned and outspoken commentator on the complex relationship we are building with our world via the internet. He identified the revolution in social software in 2003 and spent the next decade studying and writing about it. His essays and books about online groups and social networks made him a guru to a generation of web entrepreneurs.

He was the first Professor of New Media in the Media Studies department at Hunter College, New York and has recently written two books on the subject: *Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organizing Without Organizations* (2008) and *Cognitive Surplus: Creativity and Generosity in a Connected Age* (2010). In these books he examines the practice and implications of social collaboration and sharing online, as technology turns

many of us from consumers into producers. He believes that this capacity, combined with humanity's willingness to share, can change society if applied to civic endeavors.

Shirky has strong opinions on censorship, open source technologies and the freedom to share. His TED talk on SOPA/PIPA legislation was seen by 1 million people in 48 hours.

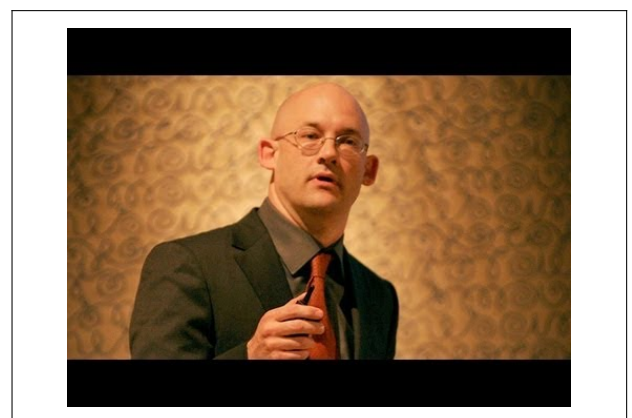
He has written and been interviewed about the Internet since 1996 with his work appearing in Business 2.0, the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, the Harvard Business Review and Wired.

As well as being a Professor at NYU he is also a Fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society, and was the Edward R. Murrow Visiting Lecturer at Harvard's Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics, and Public Policy in 2010. Many years ago he spent five years in theatre with the Wooster Group.

Clay Shirky's Current / Past Roles & Positions

- Author of several important books about online groups and social networks
- NYU joint Associate professor of Arts at the Interactive Telecommunications Program (ITP) and Associate Professor in the Journalism Department
- Examines the effects on politics, economics and society flowing from changes in technology

Videos





Clay's Topics

The Internet and democracy

Available: Virtually

Social networks and society

Available: Virtually

Copyright and freedom of information

Available: Virtually

Economics and social technologies

Available: Virtually

The future of Newspapers, making news pay

Available: Virtually

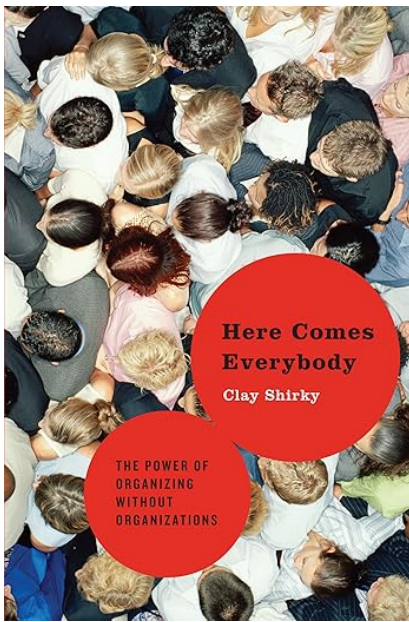
Testimonials

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Shirky is one of the handful of people with justifiable claim to the digerati moniker. He's become a consistently prescient voice on networks, social software, and technology's effects on society.

Wired magazine

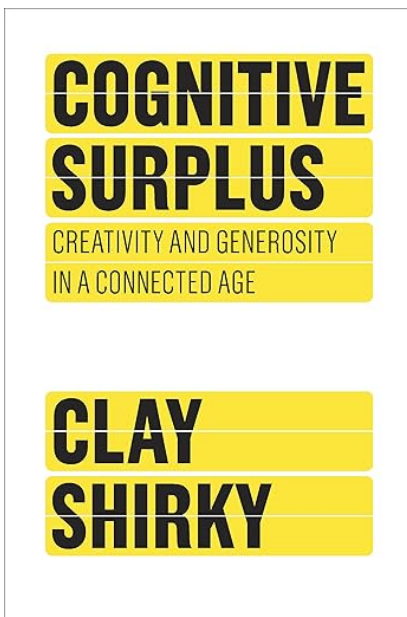
Books



Here Comes Everybody: The Power of Organizing Without Organizations

For the first time in history, the tools for cooperating on a global scale are not solely in the hands of governments or institutions. The spread of the internet and mobile phones are changing how people come together and get things done—and sparking a revolution that, as Clay Shirky shows, is changing what we do, how we do it, and even who we are. Here, we encounter a woman who loses her phone and recruits an army of volunteers to get it back from the person who stole it. A dissatisfied airline passenger who spawns a national movement by taking her case to the web. And a handful of kids in Belarus who create a political protest that the state is powerless to stop. Here Comes Everybody is a revelatory examination of how the wildfirelike spread of new forms of social interaction enabled by technology is changing the way humans form groups and exist within them. A revolution in social organization has commenced, and Clay Shirky is its brilliant chronicler.

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Cognitive Surplus: Creativity and Generosity in a Connected Age: How Technology Makes Consumers into Collaborators

In his bestselling Here Comes Everybody, Internet guru Clay Shirky provided readers with a much-needed primer for the digital age. Now, with Cognitive Surplus, he reveals how new digital technology is unleashing a torrent of creative production that will transform our world. For the first time, people are embracing new media that allow them to pool their efforts at vanishingly low cost. The results of this aggregated effort range from mind-expanding reference tools like Wikipedia, which allows Kenyans to report acts of violence in real time. Cognitive Surplus explores what's possible when people unite to use their intellect, energy, and time for the greater good.

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