Repression and Mobilization

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Explores varied forms of repression and means of response drawing on a wide sociological literature. Particularly relevant is Hank Johnston, 'Talking the Walk: Speech Acts and Resistance in Authoritarian Regimes' (pp. 108-37), exploring underground humour, graffiti, hit and run tactics, informal opposition networks, 'duplicitous organisation' – using official status for opposition, and role of recreational, cultural and religious groups. Johnston also notes how official political and cultural events can be subverted. (Strong overlap with ch. 4 in Johnston, States & Social Movements [4] (A. 6. Nonviolent Action and Social Movements [5]) .)

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