

# Can social networking defeat terrorism?

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NATO is to deploy new media citizen journalism in its propaganda war against the Taleban in Afghanistan. As I [revealed](#) exclusively last week NATO is now prioritising new communications technology in a bid to win hearts and minds world-wide.

[Sarah Hartley](#) has a good take on the risks involved and the cultural problems for 'mainstream' old media organisations like the military when they adopt these high-tech tactics.

Some people would see something sinister in killer machines like NATO using new media. Personally, I think it's a great idea. New media is by its very nature more open, networked and citizen-centred. That can only be a good thing for both the armed forces and the people of Afghanistan.

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