

Killing the Big Other

What **SOCIAL MEDIA** Can and Cannot Say About
RADICAL EMANCIPATORY POLITICS in **SEATTLE**

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Seattle Timeline



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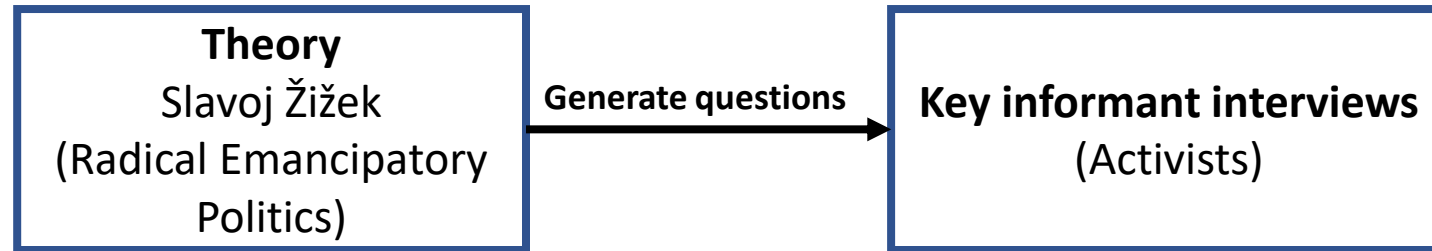
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Slavoj Žižek
(Radical Emancipatory
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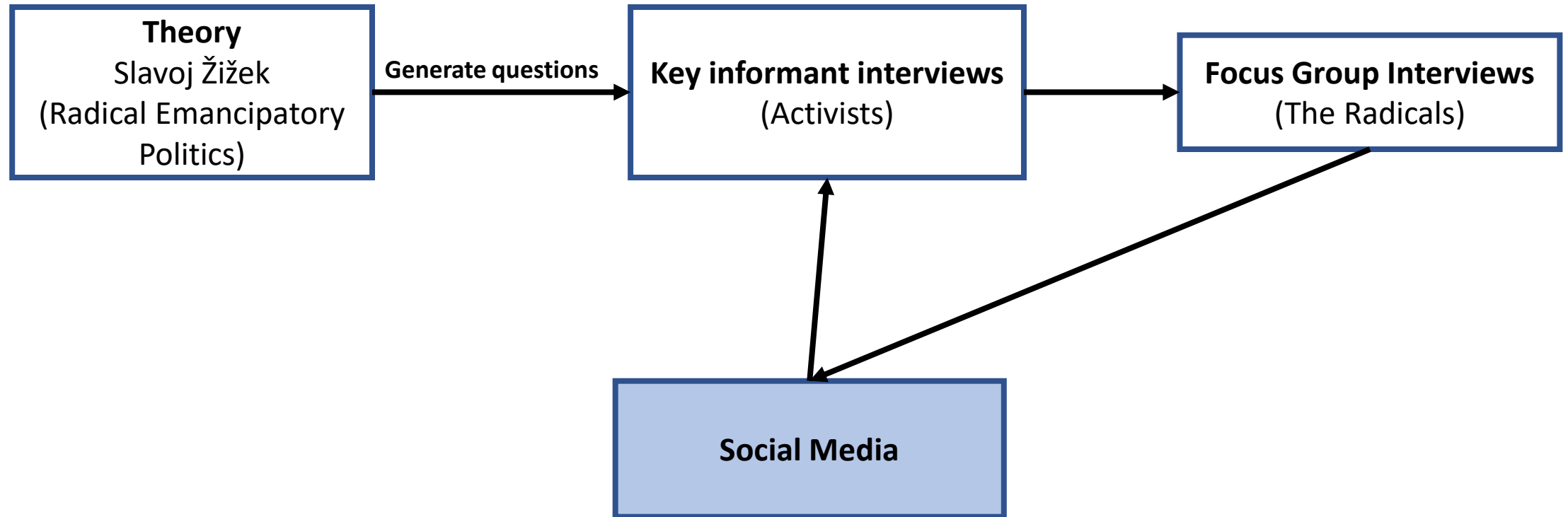
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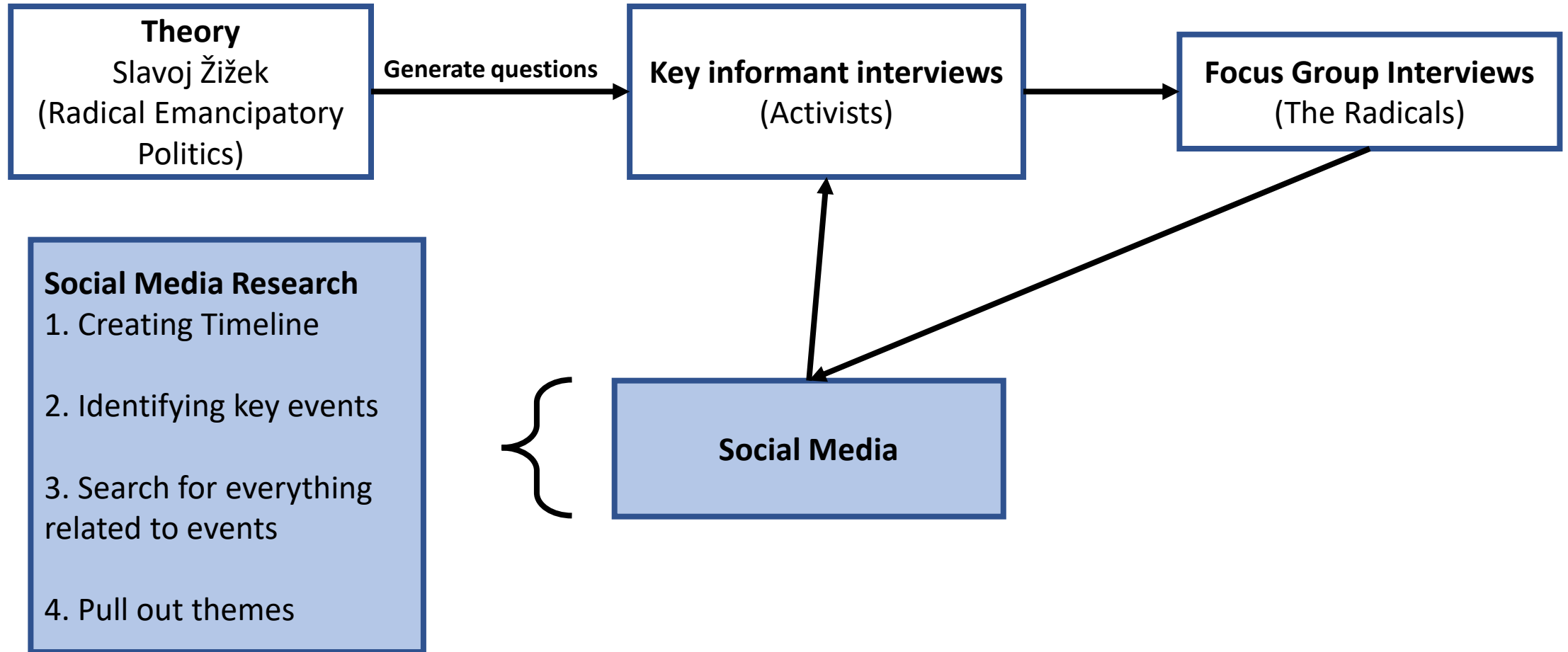
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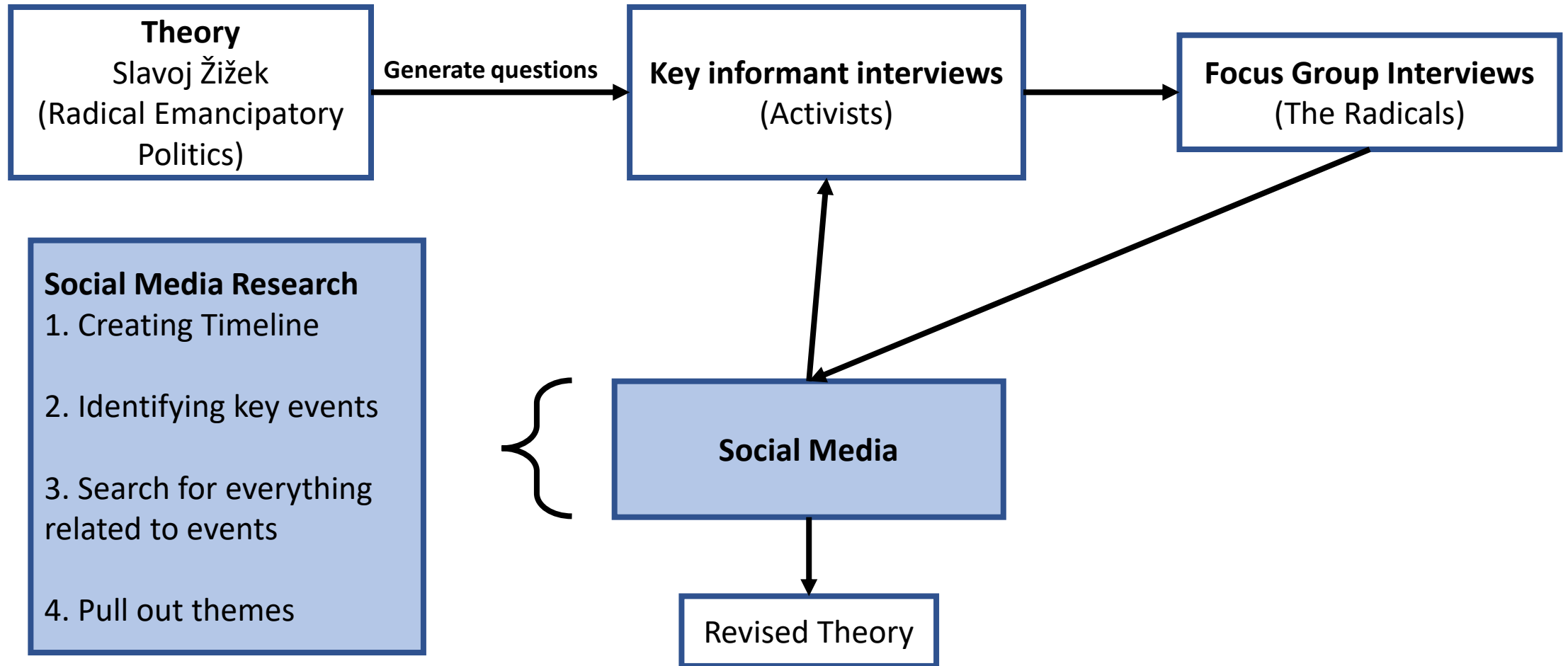
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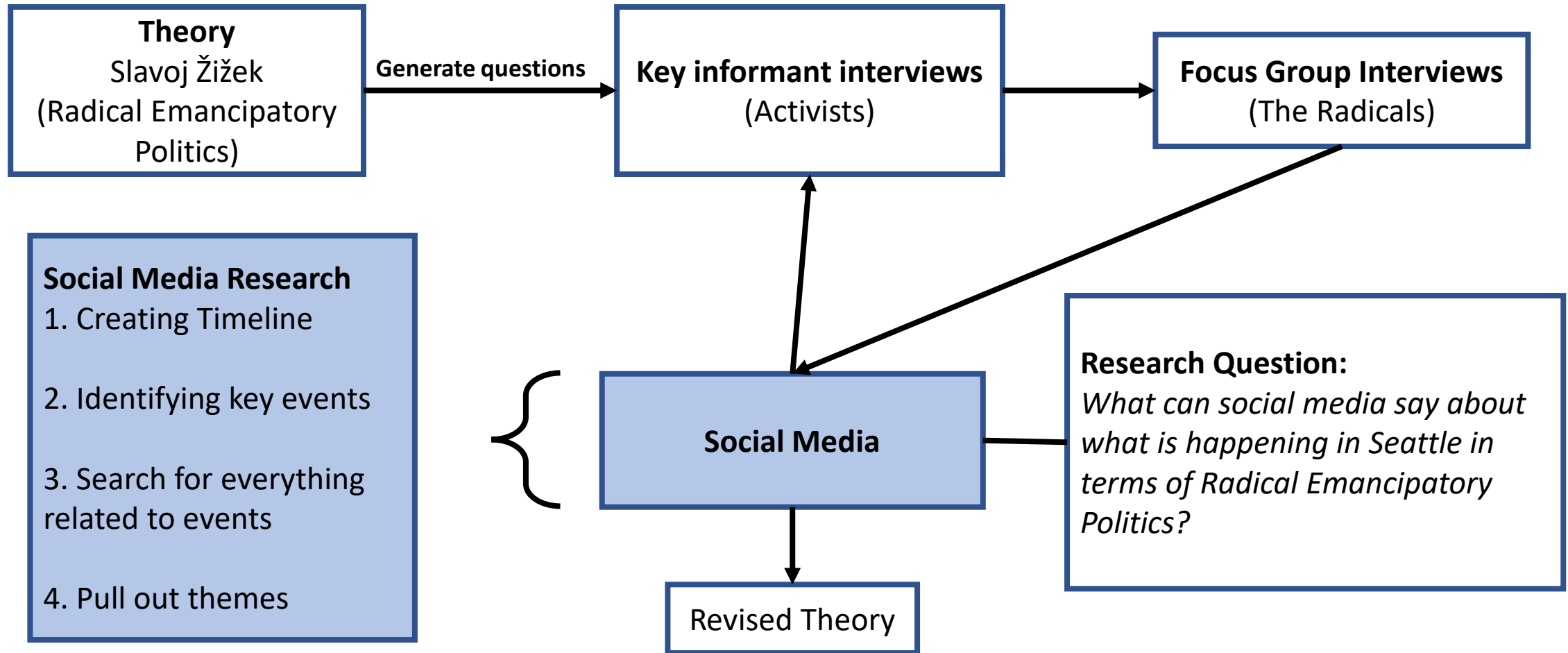
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Findings (Themes from Social Media Research)

WTO Protests

- Themes: **Environment**, **Consumerism**, **Corporate greed**, Anarchy, Capitalism, **(Dis)organization**, **Intersectional theory**

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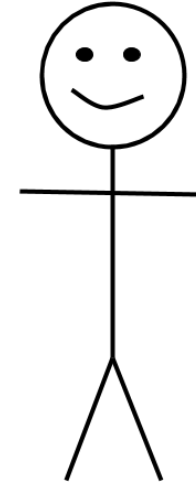
- Themes: **White Supremacy**, **Police Brutality**, Justice, **Consumerism**, Racism, **(Dis)organization**

Mars Hill Church Protests

- Themes: Bully, Seattle Sound, **(Dis)organization**
- Seattle Sound → What Seattle could be (Conservative values)

Theory: The Big Other and Radical Emancipatory Politics

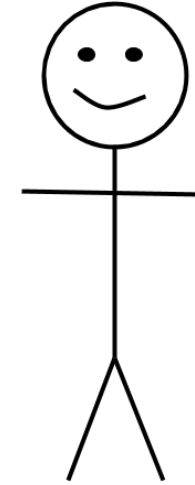
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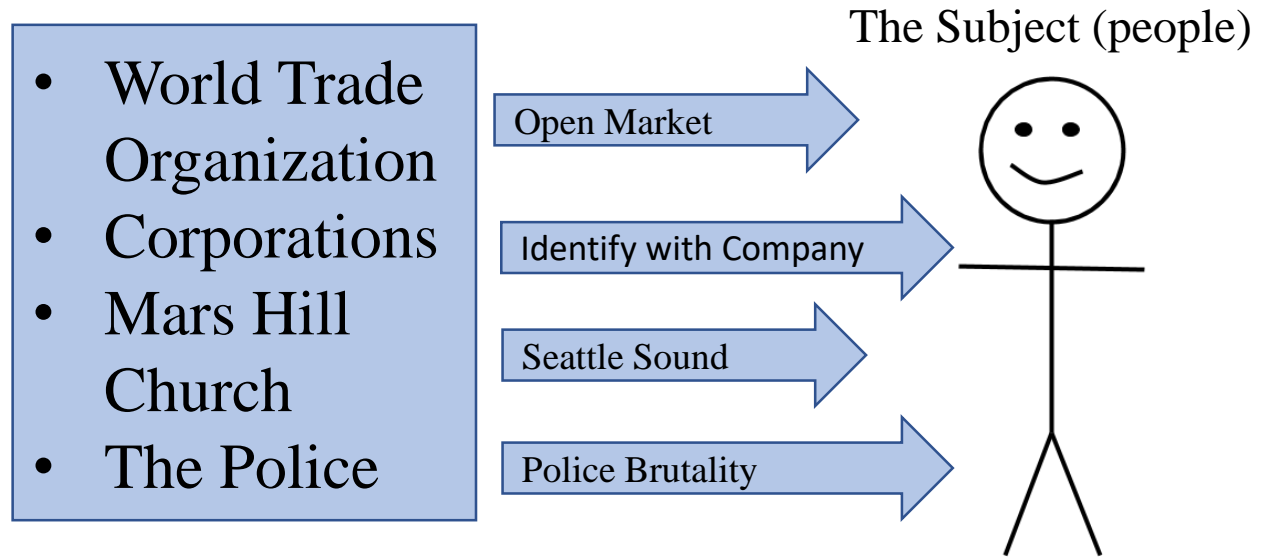
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- God in Seattle
- Safety

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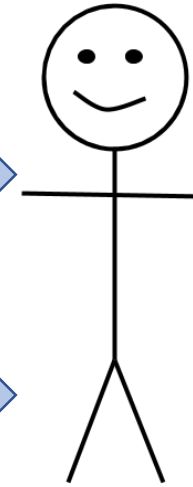
Open Market

Identify with Company

Seattle Sound

Police Brutality

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What should we do?



What is Christianity? It's the Holy Spirit. What is the Holy Spirit? It's an egalitarian community of believers who are linked by love for each other

Slavoj Žižek at Occupy Wall Street

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- Root causes protests try to eliminate for liberation

- Mars hill → Mark Driscoll
- BLM → White Supremacy

About

We Demand Justice for Tamir rice and other victims of police brutality. WE SAY NO MORE Racial Injustice AND RACIAL INEQUALITY -- NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE.



Myron Peltier

November 26, 2014 · 🌐

Anti-capitalism is an integral part of the dissolution of the white supremacist state and don't let any pissy democrat tell you otherwise

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Alexander Williamson

October 20, 2011 · 🌐

we need to focus on bank and finance reform if we are going to grow in numbers...even if police brutality is a real problem ...the general public wont

Details

#BlackLivesMatterFriday 2.0 : The Quest For Freedom

#BlackFriday Cheap Deals do NOT matter ---#BlackLivesMatter



❑ IF ❑ BLACK LIVES and your life matters More than #BlackFriday Cheap deals?

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- What is happening outside of cyberspace?
- What needs be found through interviews and ethnographic fieldwork?



Connections between
Mars Hill and Occupy



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