## Using Twitter for Advocacy

Tips, Tricks and Tools by

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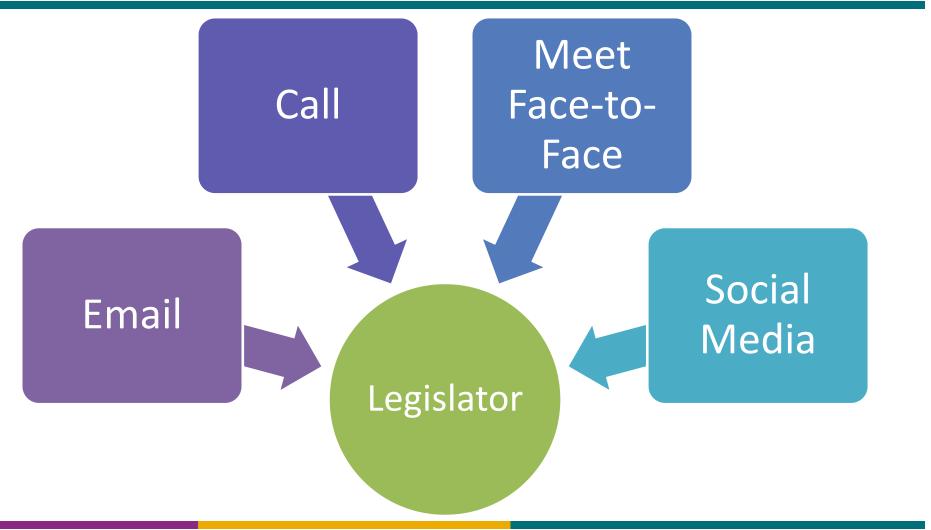


#### Overview

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- Twitter for Fly-Ins
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- Integrating Twitter into Public Affairs Campaigns
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  - How we're engaging lawmakers through Twitter
- Tricks of the Trade: Basic Twitter Techniques to Leverage in Your Advocacy Efforts

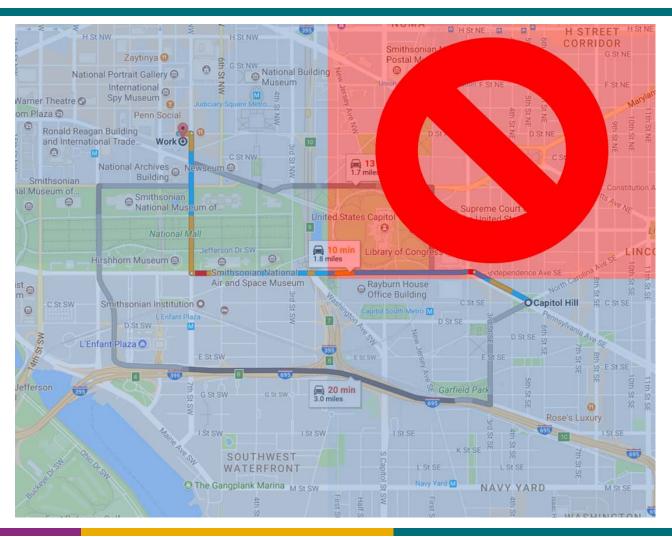


### Ways to Reach a Legislator





# Map Analogy

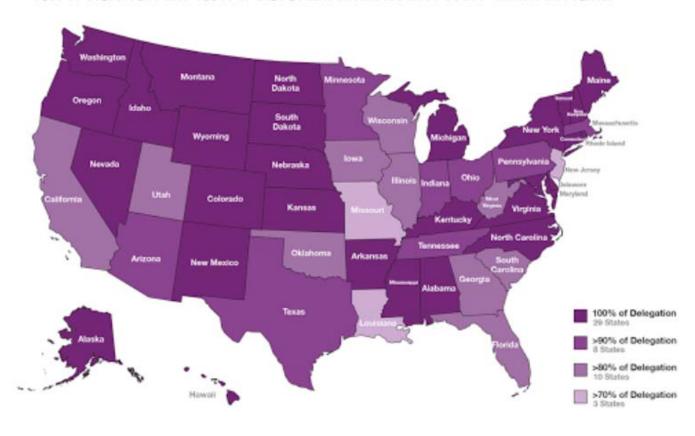




## Why Twitter?

#### Twitter Adoption by the U.S. Congress

90% of U.S. House and 100% of U.S. Senate members have active<sup>†</sup> Twitter accounts.





#### Twitter V.S. Traditional Media

#### **Twitter**

- 67 million users in the U.S.
- 328 million total active Twitter users

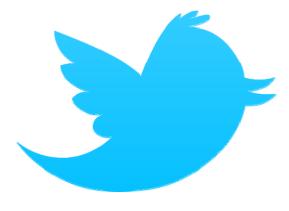
#### **New York Times**

- 1,087,500 Sunday circulation
- 2,200,000 Digital subscribers

Conclusion: If you're not using Twitter, you're missing out on reach and impressions.



### What Makes Twitter Unique



- 37% of Twitter users are between ages of 18 and 29, 25% users are 30-49 years old.
- 500 million tweets are sent per day.
- 80% of Twitter users are on mobile.



#### Twitter for Advocacy

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- Engaging Members off the Hill
  - Ways to engage lawmakers through Twitter off the Hill.
- Tricks of the Trade:
  - Basic twitter techniques & tools to leverage in your advocacy efforts



### Twitter for Fly-Ins

Help fly-in participants engage/thank members after their meetings and reinforce messaging by creating a Twitter "Toolkit" for the fly-in. Example of the toolkit in action from a participant:





Thank you @SenToomey for meeting with us today for the #SMTAFlyIn! We are proud to represent 79,300 #MedTech jobs in PA #RepealDeviceTax

Our Toolkit for this fly-in included:

- Customized graphics
- Tweet template
- Hashtag

#### **Tweet Template:**

This makes it easy for participants to tweet!

[Insert state group name] is proud to represent 17,000 #MedTech jobs in Arizona. Thank you @insert representative for meeting with us today. #RepealDeviceTax #SMTAFlyIn [Insert state graphic]











#### Integrating Twitter into Public Affairs Campaigns



Look inside to see the future of #MedTech innovation. Without repeal of #devicetax there may be nothing to see. #RedBoxDrop



4:26 PM - 7 Sep 2017

16 Retweets 65 Likes 1 16 Q 4

Use Twitter as a tool to amplify PR campaign and advertising tactics.

Impressions: 140,000

Targeting: Capitol Hill zip codes

Tweet engagements: 11,000

Clicks to device tax repeal page: 700

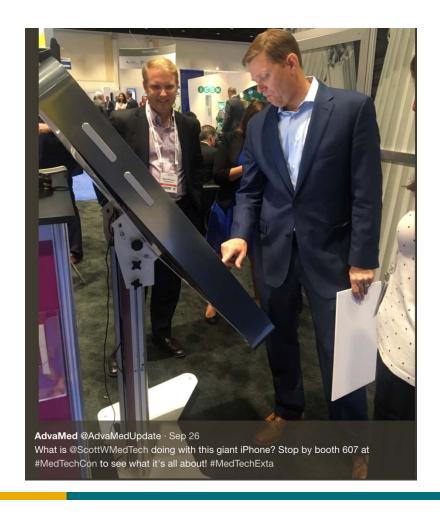
Engagement Rate: 8%

This was one of the highest engagement rates we've seen to date. We usually see about 2% engagement, and this was almost 4x that.



#### **Engaging Members Off The Hill**

- Take advantage of events when your members and/or stakeholders are together and leverage it as an advocacy opportunity.
- We leveraged our conference to send messages to the Hill on the importance of device tax repeal.
- We asked people to send to "selfies" saying what innovation means to them.



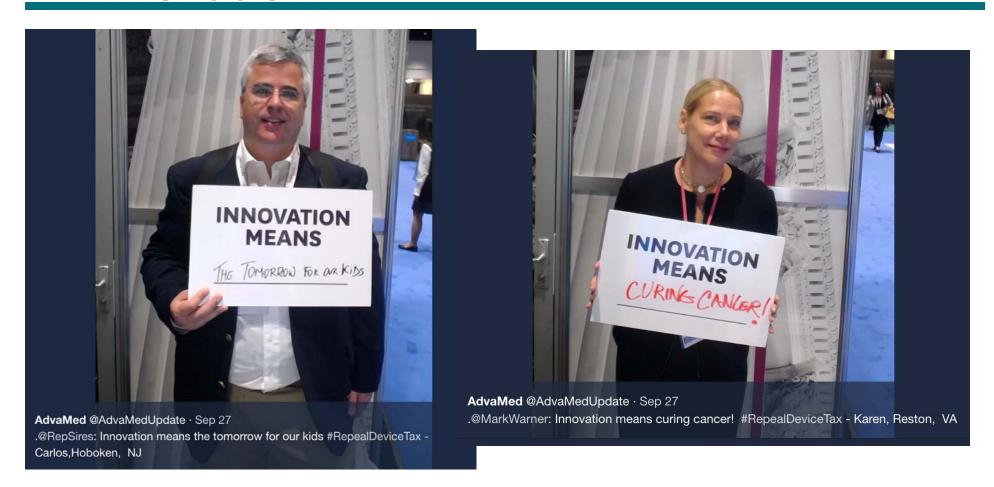


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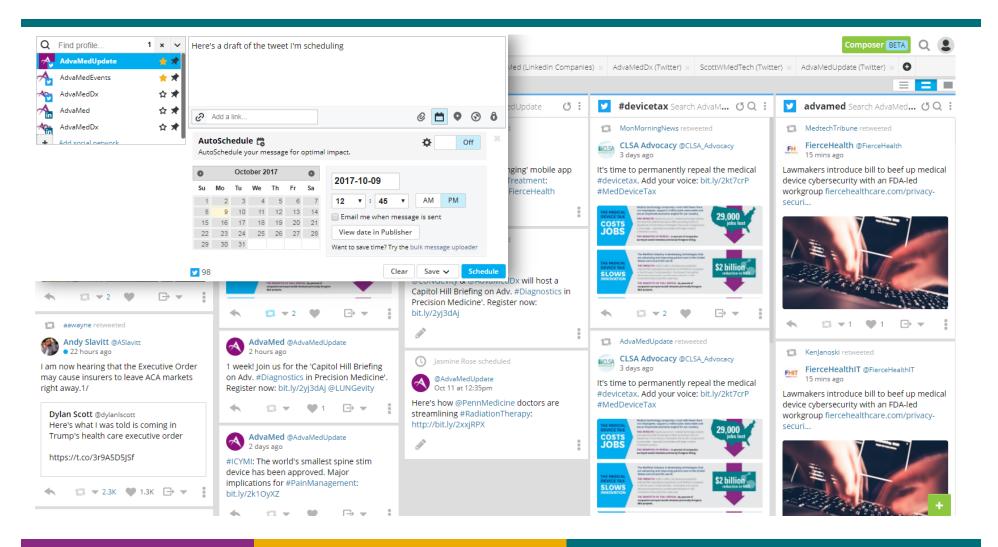


#### Tricks of the Trade

- Tools you can use to up your Twitter advocacy game:
  - Scheduling: Hootsuite
  - Analytics: Simply Measured
  - Social Listening: TweetReach
- Leverage video & graphics for compelling content:
  - Bitable
  - Canva

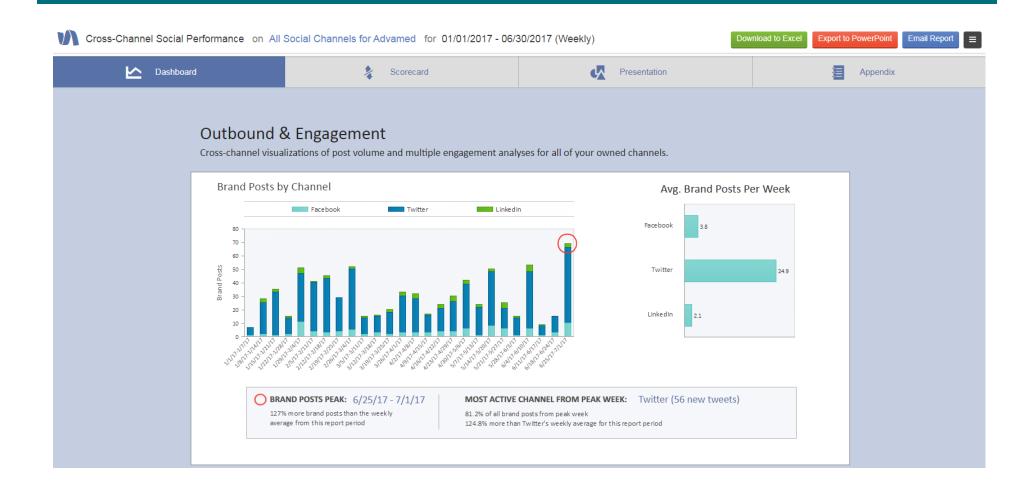


## Scheduling: Hootsuite



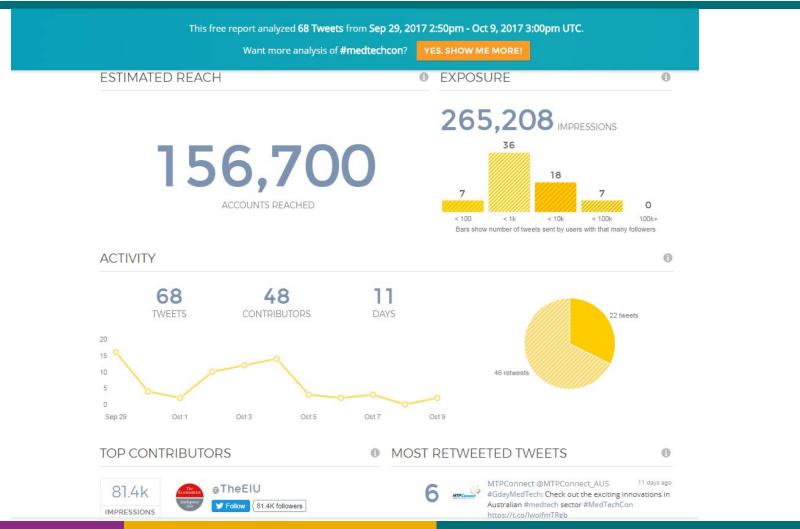


### **Analytics: Simply Measured**



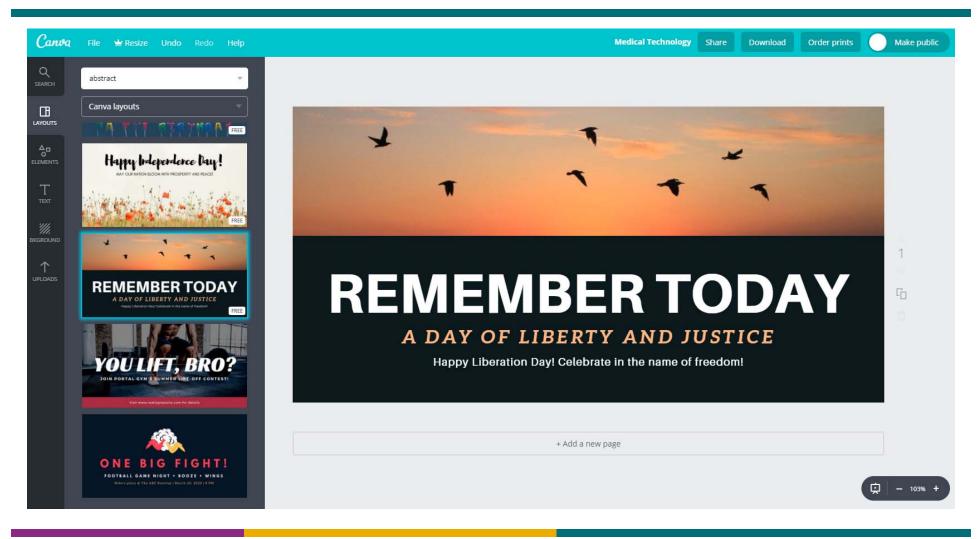


## Social Listening: Tweet Reach



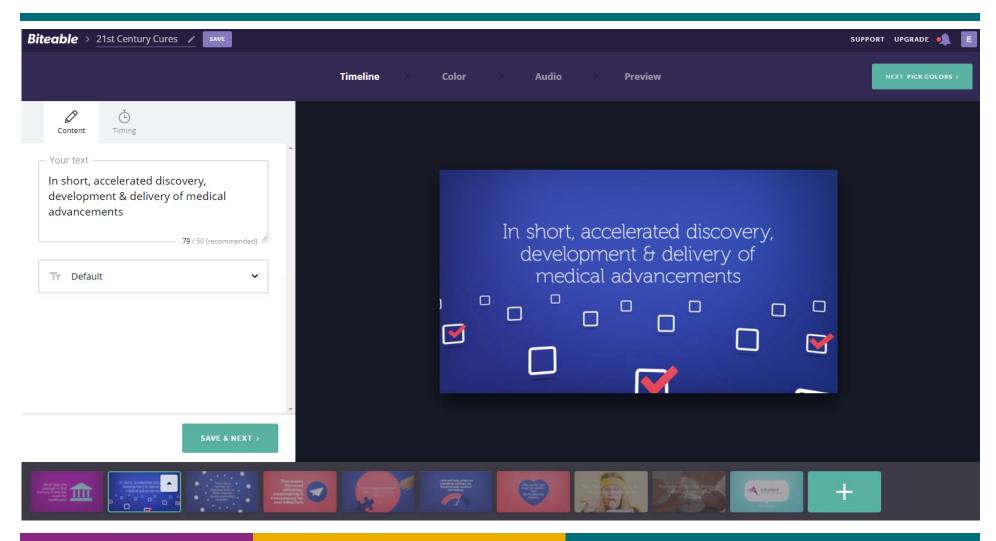


## Social Media Graphics: Canva





#### Social Video: Bitable





### Video Example

https://twitter.com/AdvaMedUpdate/status/8 08766074988675073





## Key Takeaways

- Twitter can serve as a powerful advocacy tool.
- Use Twitter to complement other public affairs and advocacy efforts.
- Harness Twitter to carry one call to action from multiple sources.
- When used effectively, Twitter can be used to engage your membership, stakeholders and members of Congress.



# Thank you!

