Transnational political participation of Algerians in France: The development of transnational governmentality

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## Uniqueness of Algerian situation

- Concentration of Algerian emigrant community in location where they have greatest potential influence
- Long history `management of distance'
- Techniques of governmentality no longer those of territoriality
- Do emigrant groups function as 'offshore' civil society?

## Yous 'Verité et Justice pour l'Algérie'

The Algerian people hope for peace, and a certain degree of justice. [.] The Algerian justice system is muzzled, the criminals will never be judged in our country. They have already played the impunity card. The only way to rebuild peace is to judge certain criminals abroad.

## Chronology of events

- November 2000 Yous (2000)
- February 2001 Souaidia (2001)
- Support campaign/ counter campaign
- April 2001 prosecution of Nezzar
- July 01/02 Court cases
- 2003 Year of Algeria in France
- September 2005 Algerian charter

## Transnational governmentality

- Migrant organisations provoked response from Algeria
- Conflict has led to rise of French influence
- Events indicate move from reactive to proactive stance
- No long lasting development in Algeria – lack of civil society contribution