

Bitcoin: A Tool For Activists and Financial Fairness

Financial Fairness

- Bitcoin brings [economic empowerment](#) for billions worldwide who have been excluded from our current money system because of financial repression or authoritarian leadership in their countries.
- Bitcoin is an [excellent long-term store of value](#) and a means of exchange that leads to emancipation from financial hierarchy regardless of race, gender, wealth and status. It enables open and permissionless access to a global monetary network that can't be bent to favor politically powerful or privileged groups.
- Bitcoin is a technology which is permissionless, inflation-proof and a global internet money, which could free billions of people, [disenfranchised by current financial power dynamics](#).
- Bitcoin is [unstoppable money](#) that can be used by anyone regardless of who they are. The rules are the same for everyone. It's neutral, not controlled by any company or government, while at the same time being an internet protocol and a financial rail that is built for a common good.

Banking the Unbanked

- [Traders appreciate the simplicity](#) and permissionless nature of Bitcoin Lightning payments, which offer a solution to banking challenges faced by cash-based businesses. Bitcoin provides a banking solution where traditional banking is challenging or inaccessible.
- Bitcoin as a tool for [empowering underbanked communities](#), solving cross-border payment frictions, and driving IT development and training in some of the poorest and [most deprived countries](#) of the global south.
- NGOs can both [accept Bitcoin donations](#) and use those funds in their charitable work, for example as a way to fund and financially empower [refugee communities or children](#) in all manner of situations where they need financial assistance.

Money Dictators can't stop

- Bitcoin has a pivotal role in bypassing state-imposed financial repression and [supporting freedom fighters](#). When the Russian government froze the accounts of Alexei Navalny's Anti-Corruption Foundation (FBK), [Bitcoin became a lifeline for continued operations](#). Despite having its financial channels blocked, FBK used Bitcoin for donations and to fund key activities, including paying for Navalny's legal and funeral expenses following his murder.
- Bitcoin's borderless nature allows educational initiatives to continue without government interference, [promoting human rights in the face of extremism](#). The educator and entrepreneur [Roya Mahboob has used Bitcoin to fund education for girls and women in Afghanistan](#), particularly when traditional financial methods are blocked due to Taliban control.