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INTERNATIONAL FREE SPEECH AND CENSORSHIP ONLINE

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MEGAN THEE STALLION



Chinese messaging service streamed Megan's Coachella performance with unsuccessful censoring.

OVERVIEW

- ◇ Internet censorship – political, social, commercial
- ◇ Filtering and Physical
 - ◇ Filtering – sorting through pre-existing content, creating new posts with propaganda or selective information
 - ◇ Physical – threats or fear of action or repercussions, accessibility to internet

Pros

- ◇ Protection of children
- ◇ Removal of “fake news”, hate speech
- ◇ Protection

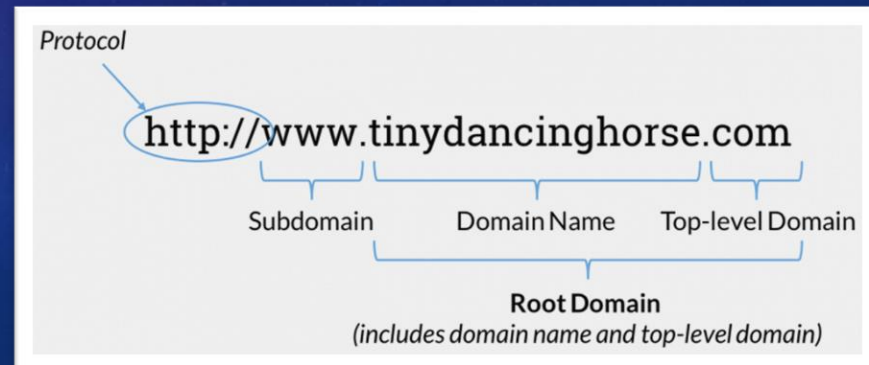


Cons

- ◇ Silencing minorities
- ◇ Abuse of government power
- ◇ Stops flow of information

FILTERING CENSORSHIP TACTICS

- Blocking DNS requests, poisoning
- IP address blocking
- Packet sniffing, deep packet inspection
- Block by Anonymous System (AS) Number



CHINA

- Great Firewall of China
- Covering protesting voices
 - Uyghur Muslims
- Example: Weibo banning Chinese national anthem, Winnie the Pooh



RUSSIA

- Blocking sites
- Slowing internet access
- 2017 law banning VPNs, proxies (DPIs)
- Example: Tor banned in 2021, temporary Reddit ban in 2015





PHYSICAL CENSORSHIP TACTICS

- Controlling Internet access
- Threats and violence
- Laws

SAUDI ARABIA

- Foreign, local English news banned
- Criticism of Islam, depiction of radical Islam, silence political opponents, restrict VoIP calling
- Blocking civil rights activists, social media, websites
- Examples: Saudi woman arrested for immodesty; couple arrested for kiss on cheek



CUBA

- Limited access to Internet, 25%
- Until 2008, computer and DVD equipment ownership was banned
- Can go straight to jail without trial, investigation
- Physical intimidation, appearance of state security agents
- Example: Protests in 2021, Internet “blackout”



TURKMENISTAN

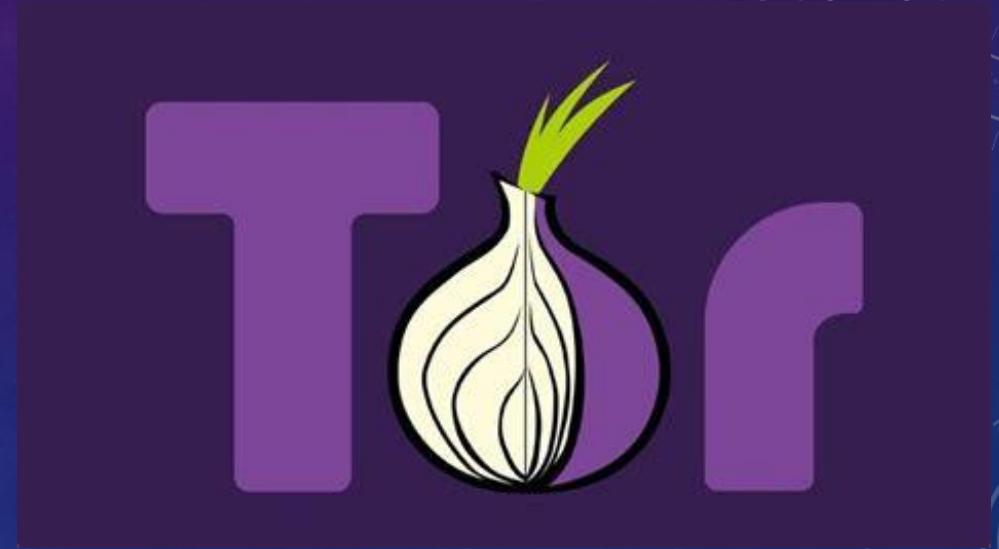
- State run provider monopoly
- Internet cafes
- Forced to swear on the Quran not to use VPNs
- Most technology skilled leave the country for better opportunities
- Example: Covering up COVID cases



WAYS TO GET AROUND



VPNs



Tor

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