

Assignment 4: Global Internet

1. Information Presentation Response

Choose one of the information presentations, and in 3-5 sentences, respond to the following prompt:

- Has learning more about this topic changed your view on/opinion of it? If so, then what caused the change in the way you think/feel? If not, then what evidence could theoretically be presented that would persuade you to change your opinions?

2. Internet Censorship

This week, we have a simple question that doesn't have a simple answer. That question is: "What **should** be censored on the internet?". We can (presumably) all agree that some information should not be available online (child pornography, instruction manuals for making your own nuclear weapons, spoilers for your favourite tv show). But where should the line(s) be drawn, and who should draw them?

Don't worry about the problem of **how** to censor online content, just focus on **what** and **who**. In 200-500 words, give us your thoughts on the matter.

3. Internet Health Report

Every year, the Mozilla foundation produces an annual "Internet Health Report" (<https://2020.internethealthreport.org>). The 2020 report focused on three areas: Racial Justice, Labour Rights, and Transparency. While all three are relevant to the course (and might make good reading for a term paper), this week, we want to focus on Transparency.

Your job is to read the section of the report titled "Real Change How?", and report on the quality and strength of the information presented. Focus on reading with a critical eye and an evaluation of how they use (or don't use) data and reasoning to support their main points. In 400-700 words, summarize the main arguments of the piece and comment on how well the authors use data and argumentation to support their main points, the strength and bias of the piece, and your personal opinion of the piece as a whole (note: this does not mean your personal opinion on the issues represented, we can discuss those in lecture, we're looking for you to analyze the document itself).

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In 2022, they shifted to a focus specifically on AI, which is relevant to the course, just not particularly to this week's topic