

China's Great Firewall

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What is it?

The great Firewall is also called the Golden Shield. Its sole purpose is to restrict access to online information from those who live within China.

The start of this began in the early 2000s, when the Chinese government didn't like the rise of online protester and foreign content influencing the people of China. Other countries believe it to be unethical and excessive, but China believes its necessary to protect its culture and social stability. The Us has tried to help the people in China connect with the rest of the world via the Congressional-Executive Commission on China to ensure China was still in compliance with international human rights.



Should the Internet be Censored?

To a certain extent, yes, the internet should be censored to prevent the spread of misinformation, harmful and illegal content. Some forms of censorship can even help with protecting individuals' privacy and personal data from being misused or exposed. It can even be used to prevent the dissemination of sensitive information that could threaten national security or public safety. But you can't censor too much otherwise it would go against one's freedom of expression and speech. China in this case has overly censored the internet to the point scientist can't even do proper research.

My thoughts

- ▶ I think its cruel to limit one's ability to learn especially since we as humans are supposed to learn new things so we can develop more ideas and thoughts.
- ▶ While some censorship is necessary there is a fine line that can't be crossed otherwise it infringes on one's freedom of speech and expression.
- ▶ I think the US might be able to achieve the right balance, but I could see how people would retaliate to the change.