Apple and Microsoft are two examples of companies that censor information in China as a condition of accessing the country’s lucrative but circumscribed population of more than 800 million “netizens”.

For Microsoft, that means keeping content that the government deems sensitive out of Bing search results and off of its business networking site LinkedIn. Apple polices its App Store differently in China than in other parts of the world, at the government’s direction. The company admitted that it removes VPN apps that could be used to bypass China’s so-called Great Firewall, which blocks access to many overseas sites.

Write a **one-page** paper that addresses the following questions: Should companies and citizens of democratic nations help authoritarian governments? Or should they help people in nations led by repressive governments get around the Web censorship?

Your paper can not be longer than one page not including the references. Organize your thoughts and writing as follows: thesis, argument, and counter-argument, response to counter-argument, conclusion and references. This is not a reflection paper; rather it should give evidence and reasons for your suggested approach.

**Important Notes:**

* Any evidence of plagiarism will result in an automatic zero for this assignment.
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