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The Internet first arrive in China in 1994 and has become a common communication platform as well as vital tool for information sharing. The usage of Internet in China increased from nearly 0 percent in 1994, when it was first introduced, to a 28.8 percent by 2009 (pingp, 2018). In 1998, the "Golden Shield project" was created by Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to prevent uncontrollable foreign data from being accessed in China (Koty, 2017). It took ten years to complete the two parts of the whole project and ended in 2008. This project was a database where the government could access the records of each citizen and connect China's security organizations. In addition, the government had the right to delete any comments online that were considered harmful. (Internet censorship in China, 2021) . The most important equipment for the implementation of Internet censorship is the Great Firewall (GFW) (pingp, 2018). An academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering and former president of Beijing University of Posts and Telecommunications, Fang binxing, also called the "Father of the Great Firewall of China", designed the key part of GFW. (Jia, 2007)

The Internet censorship in the People’s Republic of China (PRC), also known as the GFW, has a political and ideological background which is considered to be one of Deng Xiaoping’s favourite sayings in early 1980s: “If you open a window for fresh air, you have to expect some flies to blow in.” Indeed, the GFW influences both publishing and viewing online contents and decrease the freedom of online surfing; for instance, it’s well-know that websites like Google are banned in China, just because they don’t agree to restrict contents, such as searching results and speeches that can be both free and uncontrollable. Therefore, some people stand out for unfair treatment of web surfing within China and assert that the censorship must be abandoned, and the government should also remove the GFW, However, as far as I’m concerned, the Internet censorship in China should be continued to maintain, preventing online users from harmful information and illegal materials including pornographic contents, contents that promote crime, violence and topics that are extremely controversial. In this paper, I will discuss on why it is important to implement the GFW and how such a censorship can prevent cities and a country from external threats among users’ sight, political aspects and economic sides.

Firstly,

Provide a brief description of the issue, the surrounding context, and the question you will be addressing. This should explain enough so that someone unfamiliar with the issue can quickly get oriented and be ready to follow your argument.

Articulate your answer to the question, along with evidence supporting your opinion. This evidence should come from the articles, additional sources, and/or course materials you consulted during your research. Your position can be nuanced and in the middle; it doesn't have to be on the extremes of the debate.

If you want to take a more nuanced position on your topic, simply providing the opinions for and against the general points is not sufficient; you should be directly and purposefully advocating for it throughout your paper.

Acknowledge one or two arguments that could be made against your position. Not everyone will agree with you, and there may be legitimate arguments against your point of view. Demonstrate that you recognize and understand the counter-argument(s).

Explain why you think your argument is more convincing than the counter-argument(s), and why the evidence is in your favor.

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