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## PEER REVIEW 2

### INTERNET CENSORSHIP

EDWARD ESPINAL  
IT-489 CAPSTONE PROJECT



**Writing:**

The writer did a really good job explaining the project details. The writer went into great specifics of Iran and China current internet censorship. Personally I really enjoyed reading the actual network layout and the mean China and Iran is taking to censor there people from the full internet experience. I would advise the writer to find more information of the network layout and the mechanics behind it.

In each other section the writer lacked content. For instance in "Resources" the writer simply wrote "I plan on conducting research using the internet, library and information given by word of mouth". This does not give the reader enough information to trust the research. Also using word of mouth is not a credible source. Each section should contain more real information to make the report more depth in material. As it stands the strongest section is "Project Details".

I also found a few mistakes that caused some confusion. For instance in project details the writer wrote "There are three countries in particular that have very strict policies regarding the internet and what may be accessed: China and Iran." You mention three countries although I only found details on China and Iran. I am not sure if you will be also doing research on the United States internet censorship since it was also mention on a later section. I would advise the writer to re-read the full draft, although this is a pretty good draft, I found some grammatical mistakes and could be fixed with a revision.

I enjoy reading on the topic however I wonder what the writer stand is. Although this paper tells me about the understanding of internet censorship in China and Iran, I would like to hear what conclusion the writer is expected to find. Originally the writer belief that with more censorship on the internet, it would actual help control the amount of cyber-crimes that are committed. I am confused on the writer current stand. I do not see the connection on cybercrime in this report. It would be interested to know if the censorship in these countries are actually helping in reducing cybercrimes.

**References:**

The writer did not meet the ten references requirements. It also seem like the majority of the reverence come from online articles. However I did find citation in the report and was able to make the right connection to the right source. I also enjoyed seeing the picture also being properly cited, this was a nice touch.

**Tables and figures:**

The writer added some context that helps understand the project. The image of Iran's committee was helpful to see and could be used to highlight some of the issue in the branch. I would have loved to see one for China as well.

**Format:**

The format of this report was hard to follow and lack content. Although all the sections was covered I feel like some of the designed question on each section was missed. This could have help in providing more detailed information. I have mention a couple of suggestion on some section through my review.

**Topic:**

The topic is really interesting. Hearing about internet censorship could be really important for a reader to learn about. However I want to know if the writer is still making a connection to cybercrime. I wonder if the writer will only focus on the policy and help the reader gain a better understanding. I would advise the writer to add additional supporting information to this topic. For instance the impact it is having on these countries, possible reducing in cybercrime, more on the method people are taking to avoid censorship etc.

**Length:**

The sections are too short. For example in the "Client" section I would love to hear more on why the writer picked China and Iran to focus the research on. This also would have been a good opportunity to talk about their point of view, and thesis to convey to the reader why internet censorship is good or bad and the connection to cybercrime, if any.

Also for "Knowledge being Applied" the writer simply just wrote computer networking and topology. I would think the writer should really break down this section and being specific on what knowledge is needed to understand filter content and blocking access.

**Intellectual Content:**

The writer should some knowledge of this material. Internet censorship could be a really complicated topic and I respect the writer for not fearing this topic. China and Iran policy and computer network can be hard to understand but the writer did an amazing job breaking down the details. The writer showed some fear in not finding the right material to build upon current research. This can really limit the

research however breaking down how network work and how China and Iran is working to bypass it could lead to tons on new material.

The writer just needs to build the thesis and integrate a new idea that would support his current finding and research. It is lacking a personal touch that can make this project even more interesting to both IT and non IT readers. All together the project has tons of potential and I wish them the best. My only advise would be to figure out what you would like to prove with the current information on China and Iran internet censorship.