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<div align="center">Internet Censorship</div>

Around the world, censorship runs rampant. Authoritarian governments restrict access to information without any provisions to keep citizens safe or informed. This problem affects people in and out of these countries— citizens, journalists, and other individuals alike. Internet censorship must be stopped. Those who are free from suppression must speak out against it and must stop aiding other countries in their censorship. Authoritarian governments are censoring a wide array of information on the internet. This must be put to an end because people deserve to know what is happening in the world around them and be able to rise up and make informed decisions in and about their country.

Government bodies started censoring the web as soon as it became widely available— or even available at all. For example, the only internet connections ever established in China that the public can use are through several large computers; these computers scan internet packets passing through them. They can then reset TCP connections that contain information or content that the Chinese Government has decided to bar from their citizens (Clayton). As The Economist puts it, "Regulators around the world are grappling with how to deal with potentially harmful internet content. But Mr. Xi [Jinping]'s drive for a more orderly internet is as extreme as it is swift", explaining how China's censorship is