

The government should not limit Internet usage

The government should not limit Internet usage because such limitations can lead to totalitarianism and harm the country's economy. First of all, the government can prevent the distribution of independent information. It can lead to censorship or even totalitarianism. For example, in North Korea, people usually have no access to the Internet, so they cannot find objective information. However, North Korea citizens have a lot of information about their leader's activities ("What the North Korean internet really looks like", 2016). As a result, people live in "information blockade" and have no idea about the objective situation neither in their country nor in the world. Second, restricting Internet access damages the economy of the country. According to statistics, the influence of the Internet on the economy is growing in modern countries (McKinsey Global Institute research, 2011). So, Internet limitations can cause an economic downturn. However, some proponents of the Internet limitation argue that freedom on the net is dangerous because on the darknet people can buy forbidden things, such as drugs, weapons, and so on. Still, I do not think that the main problem here is the Internet. For instance, people in the last century could also buy some illegal things without the Internet. The Internet is only one way to do something forbidden, and limiting the Internet cannot help in this situation. To summarize, government restrictions on the Internet can lead to widespread censorship and decreasing of country's economic efficiency.

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