

Notecards

Why They Censor

title your card with the main idea from the text

Source:

Xu, Beina, and Eleanor Albert. "Media Censorship in China." *Council on Foreign Relations*, 17 Feb. 2017, www.cfr.org/china/media-censorship-china/p11515. Accessed 31 Mar. 2017.

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Quote:

Specific material considered a threat to political stability is also banned, including controversial photos and video, as well as search terms. The government is particularly keen (v) on blocking reports of issues that could incite (v) social unrest (v), like official corruption, the economy, health and environmental scandals, certain religious groups, and ethnic strife (v).

*(v) = vocab word to define

Paraphrase:

Why China censors the Internet = control

(full-sentence paraphrase – note that it is about the same length as the quoted material)

The Chinese government controls what Chinese people search for and learn about on the Internet. They ban certain things that might cause people to criticize the government. They even block some Internet search terms. The government is especially concerned that some information could cause Chinese citizens to get so upset they would protest or speak out against the government – the article lists information about government corruption, economic issues, health and environmental scandals, or certain religious or ethnic group

My Ideas:

My main takeaway:

Chinese government doesn't trust the Chinese people with information - not trusting the people to be able to make good decisions is definitely a Legalist principle

This article has good specifics about **what is restricted** on the Internet

I'll use this in a part of my essay about the government needing to control information. Strong government control is Legalism.

My claim: this is Legalism at work in China today.

Questions I still have:

1. which religious groups is China concerned about?
2. which ethnic groups?
3. Why block information about the economy? – need more info
4. HOW do they block the Internet???
5. Can people get around it?

vocab:

1. keen - having or showing eagerness or enthusiasm
2. incite - urge or persuade (someone) to act in a violent or unlawful way
3. unrest - a state of dissatisfaction, disturbance, and agitation in a group of people, typically involving public demonstrations or disorder
4. strife - angry or bitter disagreement over fundamental issues; conflict