

Review on the Association between Media Censorship and the Conflict Between Responsibility and Freedom

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Abstract: *Throughout history, the global phenomenon of media control has long determined the sources of knowledge. Censorship is often justified by the need to maintain order, but its true objective is to suppress information that could potentially threaten the government. With the advent of worldwide Internet connectivity, the rapid transmission of information across borders and between countries has led to an increasing number of media consumers relying on the Internet as a primary source of information. Censorship strictly regulated the press in most of Europe during the 18th century, but gradually relaxed in the 19th century due to increasing public demand. Traditionally, the ease of accessing news has not always been as straightforward. Nevertheless, authoritarian and highly centralized regimes continue to employ censorship, whether openly or secretly, as a means to suppress political opposition. Journalists and reporters with advanced knowledge of technology utilize social media, blogs, and news websites to distribute information in order to counteract an information coup. Governments depend on stringent Internet surveillance techniques to operate, effectively obstructing websites and clandestinely censoring information. Consequently, the firewall only allows specified news to pass. In order to instill fear, intimidate, and oppress, governments also target individuals and journalists who access prohibited websites. Given that the media's role in society extends beyond the mere transmission of information, it is crucial for them to abstain from profiting from sensationalized narratives that have the potential to cause harm to individuals, groups, ethnicities, or religious beliefs. This thesis will primarily focus on the media's information restriction and its responsibility to promote tolerance and accountability among the general public.*

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