Internet Censorship and Control

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The Internet is a battleground where fights for technical, social, and political control are waged, including between governments and their citizens, separate governments, and competing commercial interests. These fights take many forms, including Internet filtering versus circumvention, surveillance versus anonymization, denial of service attacks and intrusion attempts versus protection mechanisms, and on- and offline persecution and defense of online activists. These battles impact and are impacted by the Internet's technical structure. As the Internet continues to embed itself into our world, its structural changes will have an increasing effect on our social and political structures, and our social and political structures will have increasing impact on the Internet's technical structure.

This special issue of IEEE Internet Computing seeks articles on the technical, social, and political mechanisms and impacts of Internet censorship and control. We're soliciting both technical and social science articles, and especially encourage those that combine the two. Appropriate topics include
- explorations of how the Internet's technical, social, and political structures impact its censorship and control;
- evaluations of how existing technologies and policies affect Internet censorship and control;
- proposals for new technologies and policies;
- discussions on how proposed technical, legal, or governance changes to the Internet will impact censorship and control;
- analysis of techniques, methodologies, and results of monitoring Internet censorship and control; and
- examinations of trade-offs between control and freedom, and how these sides can be balanced.

Questions?

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