

## Censorship

### **What You're Doing**

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In a 300-400 word essay, you will take the position of Google's chief executive officer.

Explain why your company would or would not remain in China, considering the past conflicts and the ideological differences between China's ruling party and Google's corporate mission: "Don't be evil."

What are the benefits and disadvantages of your decision for the company and for Google users? Use five or more detailed quotes, statistics or examples from the readings to prove your points. You must properly cite your sources using the MLA Guidelines posted in the News Lit Blackboard site.

In addition to the readings provided to you, you may choose to do additional research to strengthen your argument. Review the homework grading guidelines in the syllabus before starting.

### **Why You're Doing This**

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This week's lecture addressed the inherent need for information, the relative value of news compared to other kinds of information and how controlling information controls society. By planting you in the shoes of an information provider, this assignment offers a chance to consider the pros, cons, and consequences of cooperating with or acting against censorship. It will also prepare you for a related discussion and quiz at the next recitation. Completing all the readings is essential.

### **What You Should Aim to Get Out of It**

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As with the previous assignment, a greater understanding of the real-world obstacles to the dissemination of news and other forms of useful information. And up to 3 homework points for satisfactory work, or 4 points for additional research.