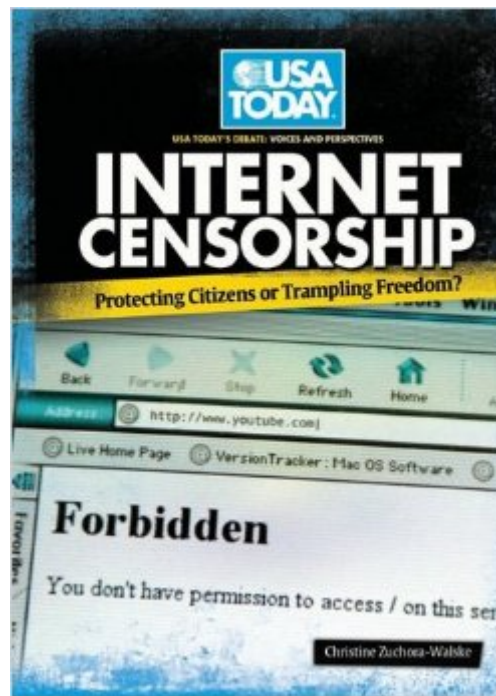


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The internet is the fastest growing and largest tool for mass communication and information distribution in the world. This book debates arguments for and against internet censorship in a fair and objective manner.

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Many people are staunch believers in our right to the freedom of speech on the Internet as expressed in the First Amendment, while others see some of these freedoms as an affront to the basic moral compass of society. Debate has been in place ever since the advent of the Internet, but most are in agreement that harmful things such as child pornography and cyberbullying, both of which have been dealt with by law, should not be tolerated. Megan Meir unfortunately took her life when she was duped into believing that Josh Evans, who in reality was an adult neighbor, mercilessly bullied her online. The result was the Megan Meir Cyberbullying Prevention act of 2008. These two Internet offenses are clearly harmful, but what about other instances of so called free speech that tend to occur in rather gray areas? We as a society have many "sticky questions" that we need to ask ourselves. One provision in this law, House Resolution (HR) 1966 essentially claims that, as the U. S. Supreme Court has ruled, "Words can be dangerous." Perhaps, but many people feel the law is overly restrictive and in itself poses danger and have dubbed it "the Censorship Act." In this book you will be able to explore the history of censorship and then you can take a look at all

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