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My Selected issue: **Internet Censorship**
Focus of my flash talk: Why is Internet Censorship bad?
The position I will take in my talk: Against Internet Censorship

What is the reference? What did I learn from this reference?	What are the positive (+) and negative (-) impacts on society, economy, or culture? What do I want people to know about this?	What are the connections can I make to what I've learned about the Internet so far?	What details have I learned that support the position I have taken on this issue?
Reference 1 (wikipedia)	Negative effects: Reduce the ability of businesses to trade freely over the internet-which impact the economy-money flowing into country and job reduction; reduces communication among family & friends; Positive effects: reduces the change of publishing political propaganda which may result in political unrest; Laws may reduce the type of information published over the internet	The internet makes it easier to communicate; Internet Protocol (IP) addresses are used to route information sent over the internet	Internet Censorship can be used as a way to restrict information that can be sent over the internet, prevent freedom of speech;
Reference 2: **The Anti-Information Age: How governments are reinventing censorship in the 21st century** http://www.theatlantic.com/international/archive/2015/02/government-censorship-21st-century-internet/385528/	Positive: Allows users to present their knowledge-dispel inaccurate reports via news media; One of the fastest growing method of sharing knowledge in Venezuela Negative: Journalist are still censored and their information blocked from being published on the internet	IP addresses can easily identify where data originated, this makes it easy to determine the origin of good/bad restricted data	Internet gives voice to Various group who are able to share their views

Reference 3: Amnesty International: internet censorship http://www.amnestyusa.org/our-work/issues/censorship-and-free-speech/internet-censorship	Negative: Countries such as Thailand and Russia-pursue and imprison journalist who uses the internet to share views and their beliefs such as political opinions and views on LGBT rights. Positive: issues that would be	Firewalls are used to block certain types of data from being transmitted over the internet	Democratic countries such as USA are supporting companies/ group of individuals that are working towards removing these firewalls and other technology that makes it easy to censor what is said on the internet

Flash Talk Response

The Internet allows people across the world to communicate from anywhere around the globe. In order to communicate over the internet, each computer must connect to the internet using their Internet Protocol address (IP), this is usually a temporary address as most internet users may connect through their internet service carrier. The internet gives people in most countries freedom to communicate, do business and build friendships, learning about each other's culture as well as positively impacting countries' economic system. However, many countries, especially those of communist tendencies are very strict about what they want to be shared over the Internet. To preventing hackers, worm and viruses from affecting a computer system, a firewall is installed. A firewall is a software program or piece of hardware that helps screen out hackers, viruses, and worms that try to reach your computer over the Internet. Internet Censorship is the restriction of information that can be sent over the internet. Internet censorship can be done by schools, universities, companies and countries. However, I believe that internet censorship by countries has the most devastating effect.

Internet censorship has had many social impacts. While the internet has the potential to increase business opportunities bringing more money into the country and positively impacting the economic system and providing more jobs; government censorship of the internet reduces economic improvement of the country; It also reduces communication and new learning opportunities. The internet while intended to be use for good purposes has been known as well for some of the problems that it has created. These are not limited to cyberbullying, sexual predators using it to lure unsuspecting underage and even desperate adults in to traumatic situations.

In the USA the first amendment gives its citizen the freedom to say what they feel. However, many countries around the world, especially those with communist views such as North Korea and Russia, make this impossible; and refusing to abide by internet censorship may result in imprisonment or persecution by the government. As an African American whose ancestors faced voting censorship in the 1960s, I am very much against internet censorship. Internet censorship restricts people's freedom to do and say what they feel and want. It allows for

prejudice and inequality to exist. It also places power in the hands of a few people instead of the majority. Internet censorship should not be allowed and democratic countries around the world should join together and do all they can to combat this activity, and help to open up the firewalls that will allow people in these countries to share their thoughts and opinions.

Extension Assessment:
1. Identify two advantages and disadvantages of the internet and provide supporting evidence to explain the advantages and disadvantages that you mentioned.