

# The world's most strict internet censorship countries

Ranking of countries in the world based on the level of censorship and internet control.

Comparitech.com, a security comparison website, has just published a new study, related to the comparison, evaluation and ranking of countries in the world based on censorship, internet control. The end result is not surprising for most people: North Korea is the top country on the list, while China is in second place, followed by Russia, Iran and Turkmenistan.

The 10 factors assessed by Comparitech.com include:

1. Torrents are limited
2. Torrents are prohibited
3. Restrict pornography
4. Prohibit completely pornographic content
5. Limit political communication
6. Political media is heavily censored
7. Social media is limited
8. Prohibit all social networks
9. Control and limit VPN
10. Prohibit VPN.



Each of the above criteria is equivalent to 1 score. North Korea is the only country to own all the 10 evaluation factors set by Comparitech.com, reaching an absolute score of 10/10 and of course leading the list. China reached 9th place, while Russia, Turkmenistan and Iran scored 7 points in this survey. Vietnam is among the countries that ban 6 elements.

Internet censorship is a topical issue worldwide as more and more countries are trying to curb or control online content in one way or another.

Governments also recognize that more and more internet users are using Virtual Private Networks (VPNs) to bypass internet restrictions from regulatory agencies and access to 'restricted' content, especially social networks.

Many democracy activists think the internet is part of basic freedom of speech, but state authorities also have their own arguments in promoting control of the internet environment. . This is an extremely complex problem that certainly cannot be solved overnight.

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