

Citizenship

# **Should the media ever be censored?**

## **Lesson 5 of 6**

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## Task 2: Should the media ever be censored in a democracy?

Write a paragraph to explain whether it is ever acceptable to censor the media in a democracy.

Your added challenge is to see if you can include all of key words at the bottom of this page.

There is a copy of this task on the worksheet.

Good luck!

<b>democracy</b>	<b>trial</b>	<b>misinformation</b>	<b>freedom</b>
<b>security</b>	<b>government</b>	<b>values</b>	<b>self-censorship</b>



# Task 3: Compare media control in China with the UK

Compare the situation in China described in **Source B** with how the media are treated by the British government.

## Source B

### Censorship in China

The Chinese government has long kept a very tight rein on both traditional and new media to avoid potential subversion of its authority. China is run as a one party state. There are no other political parties in China other than the Communist party. What rights that do exist within the Constitution are subject to interpretation by the government and the courts the government appoints.

The government's tactics often involve strict media controls using monitoring systems and firewalls, closing publications or websites, holding trials and jailing dissident journalists, bloggers, and activists.

Even foreign companies, such as Google, have battled with the Chinese government over the access Chinese citizens have to the Internet and the data companies hold about their customers' Internet use. The Chinese government also tries to restrict material that is put on the Internet and the ability of their citizens to search for some information.

