Between the Lines

Google has stopped censoring search results in China and instead has re-routed traffic to its Chinese language search in Hong Kong, which is unfiltered.

“We want as many people in the world as possible to have access to our services, including users in mainland China, yet the Chinese government has been crystal clear throughout our discussions that self-censorship is a non-negotiable legal requirement.”

--Google Blog
http://googleblog.blogspot.com/
3/22/2010 12:03:00 PM

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Talking points

1. David Fitzsimmons’ cartoon indicates that China’s censorship efforts are futile. Explain the flood metaphor the cartoon is using. Who is the government really trying to control?

3. Is Riber Hansson of Sweden taking a stand, or just defining the issue, in his cartoon showing the Great Wall?

3. Why would China want to stop their population from accessing uncensored information? Does your school limit access to services like YouTube or Facebook? Is this “censorship” acceptable to you? What about your parents?

Additional resources

More by David Fitzsimmons
http://cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/fitzsimmons.asp

More by Riber Hansson
http://cagle.com/politicalcartoons/PCcartoons/hansson.asp

Association of American Editorial Cartoonists
http://editorialcartoonists.com/