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## CASE STUDIES:

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- A government's strategy for keeping their people content.
- The influence on certain parts of the world but the natives are more aggressively evident.
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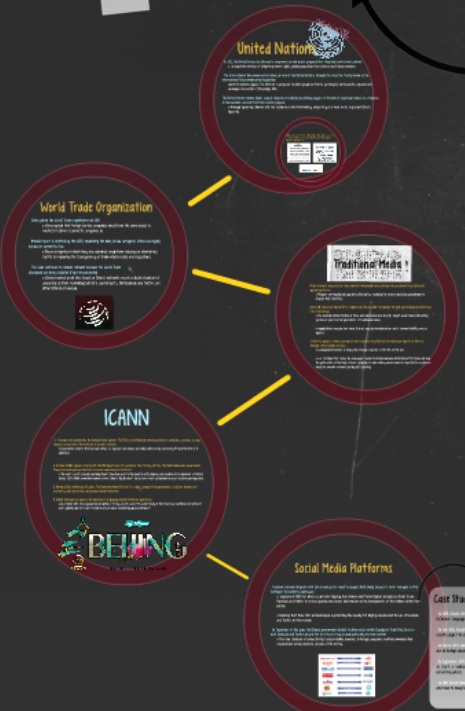
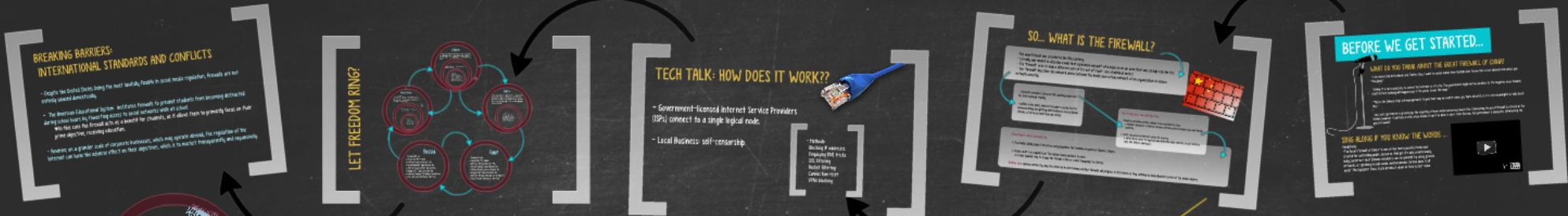
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**FROM THE ARAB SPRING**

China's strategy of blocking global news and social media sites is not new. The Arab Spring protests also resulted in blocking social media sites and blocking access to the Internet. However, the Chinese government's response to the Arab Spring was more aggressive, blocking access to the Internet and blocking access to social media sites.

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Russia has implemented strict child protection laws that require parents to register their children's online activities. These laws have been criticized for being overly restrictive and for infringing on parents' rights to raise their children as they see fit.

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**PROPOSALS:**  
 In the case of China, the firewall is a complex issue that involves a number of different factors. It is not simply a matter of blocking access to the Internet, but also of controlling the flow of information and the ability of citizens to express their views.

1. **Establish international and business cooperation** to ensure that the firewall does not become a barrier to trade and investment.
2. **China's internet laws are overly restrictive** and should be revised to ensure that they are in line with international standards.
3. **Encourage citizens to find alternatives** to social networking sites that are blocked by the firewall.
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2. Limits the access of Internet within the country.
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## Ethical Harms and Consequences:

1. The Golden Shield project threatens and jeopardizes the freedom of speech of Chinese citizens.
2. People under the regularity of The Golden Shield continue to rebel
  - o a most popular way to escape the firewall is the so-called "fanqiang" in Chinese.

**Bottom Line:** Chinese authority plays the vital role in determining whether firewalls will progress in the future as they continue to have absolute control of the whole country.



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