

INDIA – CENSORSHIP FOR A GOOD CAUSE?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are the key differences between the censorship lawsuit in India and the traditional censorship cases in China or Iran?
2. Please list the arguments for and against ITA (2000, 2008, 2011).
3. Can censorship be justified?
4. In 2007, a Hindu national political party attacked cyber cafes, damaged computers and threatened owners after they came across online web pages that offended their founder and a celebrated heroic figure. Are IT companies that hosted those web pages complicit?
5. The high court as well as the Prime Minister of India have indicated that they might intensify their policies and “do it like in China” if IT companies do not comply to their regulations. Do IT corporations operating in India have a role in forestalling this development and supporting freedom of information and free speech?