A Censored Network: Iranian Social, Political and Religious Sites

A hyperlink analysis method for censored Website discovery.

Method & Findings

Using Issuecrawler.net, crawl URLs (on 30 March 2006) from the OpenNet Initiative’s list of Iranian social, political and religious sites. Find network of sites through one iteration of co-link analysis (pictured). Fetch each site through a proxy in Iran (on 18 May 2006). Discover sites previously unknown to be blocked. Compare newly discovered blocked sites with entire list of Iranian Websites checked by the OpenNet Initiative. The finding is the discovery of 30 blocked sites in Iran.

Newly discovered blocked sites

http://home.bip.net/radiohambastegi/
http://home.bip.net/radiohambastegi/
http://ir.mondediplo.com/
http://www.alahwaz.com/
http://www.ashoob.com/
http://www.asre-nou.net/
http://www.bbc.co.uk/persian/
http://www.channelonetv.com/
http://www.didgah.com/
http://www.didgah.net/
http://www.fadaee.org/
http://www.fadayi.org/
http://www.fwhi.org/
http://www.geocities.com/~fedaian/
http://www.i-w-o.org/
http://www.ihrwg.org/
http://www.ilna.ir/
http://www.ir.mondediplo.com/
http://www.iranjommelli.com/
http://www.irandokht.com/
http://www.kvinnonet.org/
http://www.manipoesie.de/
http://www.mihan.net/
http://www.negah1.com/
http://www.peykeiran.com/
http://www.radio-international.org/
http://www.radiobarabari.net/
http://www.rdki.com/
http://www.roozonline.com/
http://www.shahrvand.com/
http://www.zagros.info/

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Legend
- Blocked sites
- Newly discovered blocked sites
- Accessible sites
- Inaccessible site (owing to DNS issue)