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The recent development of the internet of things has come along with considerations on the nature of content accessible online through Google search and their security implications. Controversial topics such as bomb making should be censored by Google in an effort to reduce crime rates and terrorism activities. This essay argues that Google should control the display of search results on controversial topics such as bomb making within the global internet environment.

Firstly, controversial topics on Google Search results often lead to corrosion of good morals and radicalization. Ryan (2007) claims that Chinese government made a deal with Google to de-list search results from 'sensitive' sites. Information on bomb making can guide terrorist groups in understanding the chemical composition of bombs, which correspondingly increases the rate of crime and terror attacks on innocent civilians. Censorship by Google should be applied on such searches that are deemed to be security threats to world governments.

Secondly, the display of search results on controversial topics would task security agencies with distractive investigational responsibilities. For instance, many people search for several controversial words and phrases like bomb making and that attracts the interest of investigative agencies such as FBI (Streissguth, 2013). Hence, Google can reduce the level of distraction of security organs through censorship by restricting search results related to nefarious content.

Lastly, Google censorship can help reduce the propagation of bomb production guidelines as mining the data to track the criminals or users searching for such controversial

content has higher chances of failure. Yang (2010) cites the efforts by governments to censure controversial search for security reasons. A number of people with ill motives use pseudo accounts and VPN networks that make it difficult to trace them back.

In conclusion, the essay has confirmed that Google should control the display of search results on controversial topics such as bomb making. This will help in reducing the corrosion of good morals and radicalization, decreasing distractive investigational responsibilities for security agencies and making it easy to manage security roles.

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