The Iranian government aggressively blocks online content with an extensive blacklist. Using proxy servers, we identified every article on Wikipedia in the Persian language. Of the 5,115 articles identified, 42% were blocked.

**Thematic Analysis:**

1. **CIVIL & POLITICAL**
   - 9/2 (9/2%) of blocked articles were about people.
   - The themes include: Civil and political content, Human rights, and Religion.

2. **SEX & SEXUALITY**
   - 1/2 (50%) of blocked articles are about people.
   - Themes include: Sexual and profane content, Pornography-related, Anatomy/Bodily function, and Anatomy/Bodily function.

3. **RELIGION**
   - 28% of blocked articles contain content that is objectionable to Iranian authorities.
   - Themes include: Islam, Christianity, Hinduism, Critical of Islam, Spiritual.

**Top 3 Most Censored Topics:**

- Religion
- Civil and political content
- Human rights

**Keywords Used for Filtering:**

- Child Rights
- Right to Education
- Free Expression
- Prisoners' Rights
- Ethnic Abuses by State/Judiciary
- Human Rights (General)
- Women's Rights
- LGBT-positive
- Feminist
- Western Actresses / Female Celebrities
- Sexual
- Clothing
- Anatomy/Bodily Function
- Misidentified as Sexual

**Key Findings:**

- The majority of blocked articles cover civil and political content, followed by sex and sexuality, and religion.
- Blocking methods include URL filtering and keyword filtering.
- The filtering also affects Wikipedia entries that are about people, with themes related to sexual and profane content, pornography, and anatomy.

**Additional Insights:**

- Articles about the arts, including music and cinema, are likewise inaccessible.
- Several bios of criticized state officials are also curiously inaccessible.
- Many blocked pages are biographies of political figures, artists, human rights defenders, journalists, and government officials.
- Articles about media outlets, such as newspapers and TV stations, are disfavored by the government.
- Censors block articles about human rights and upheaval.
- Prohibited Wiki-entries about religious minorities, controversial political figures, and leaders of political parties such as the Monarchist and Leftist/Marxist are likewise inaccessible.
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