

Russia Called Country of Concern for Internet Freedom

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Press-freedom organization Reporters Without Borders listed Russia in its 2012 "Enemies of the Internet" report, published Monday.

The France-based group categorized Russia as "under surveillance" in its Internet censorship report, which means that the government has threatened Internet freedom.

The report states Russia made the list, which also contains France and Australia, because it "has used cyberattacks and has arrested bloggers and netizens [Internet citizens] to prevent a real online political debate."

CIS countries Belarus, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan were named "enemies of the Internet," a title that indicates state use of "drastic content filtering with access restrictions, tracking of cyberdissidents and online propaganda."

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