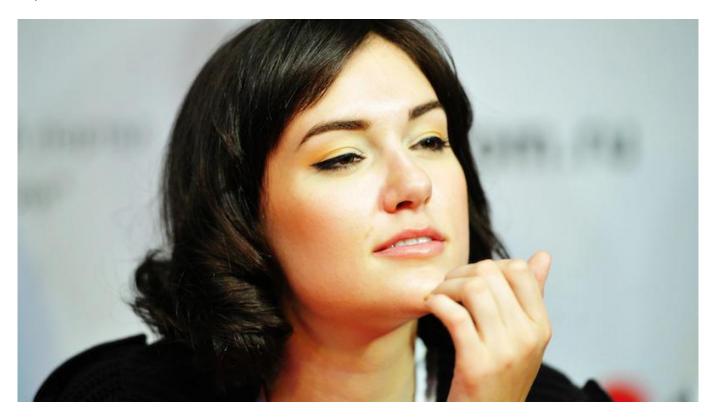


Russia Blocks Access to Adult Site Pornhub

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U.S. actress Sasha Grey listens during a news conference ahead of her Vladivostok-to-Moscow car journey on a Lada Kalina. **Yuri Smityuk / TASS**

Russian media watchdog Roskomnadzor has blocked access to Pornhub, the world's largest pornography website.

Pornhub.com appeared on the list of websites blacklisted by the government censor on Tuesday. Ak Russian court will rule whether the ban will remain in place at a later date.

Russia blocked the Russian page of Pornhub site last year, when a a court in the southern city of Krasnodar ruled that the website violated child protection laws. The court also ruled the site illegally produced and distributed pornography, a crime punishable by two to six years in prison.

Roskomnadzor stood by its 2015 ban despite a somewhat tongue-in-cheek social media

backlash. When one Russian Twitter user asked⊠Roskomnadzor: "If you block Pornhub, could you offer an⊠alternative?", The government watchdog's official⊠Twitter account replied: "as an alternative, you could⊠meet someone in real life."

The Russian government has previously banned other popular sites, including <u>online</u> <u>encyclopedia Wikipedia</u>, in short-lived disputes. In addition, Youporn.com was blocked along with Pornhub.

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