## 60\% of Russians Support Internet Censorship - Poll

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Almost two-thirds of Russians supportखInternet censorship, a report by independent pollster the LevadaxCenter revealed Friday.

Some 60 percent of those surveyed said凶that they felt online censorship was "necessary," while 25区percent disagreed, the Interfax news agency reported.

Forty-four percent of respondents alsoxdisagreed with the idea that restrictions on certain sites could be wused to infringe civil liberties. Thirty-two percent said thatalegislation could be used against activists or to restrict rights.

An overwhelming 90 percent said thatखthey trusted news distributed by Russia's main news channels, while 73 percent saw the Internet as a credible source of information.

At the same time, almost half of $x$ Russians - 47 percent - said that the media "did not give
the区whole picture" or "held something back" when reporting on ${ }^{\text {x }}$ current affairs. Forty-four percent of respondents said that thexmedia wanted to "distract from important events by focusing on凶other subjects." Forty-three percent of those surveyed disagreed.

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