

# The Venezuelan Internet Crisis

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## Question

How the Venezuelan government is censoring the internet?



## Introduction

Venezuela is a rich natural resource nation that is going through an economic hyperinflation. Citizens in that country are going through human rights violation, according to the UN Human Rights Council, due to the access to internet being censored and limited. Nicolas Maduro, the current president, enforces this act for power and control over its citizens.

## Results

- Media outlets are shut down when an opposition broadcasts their message.

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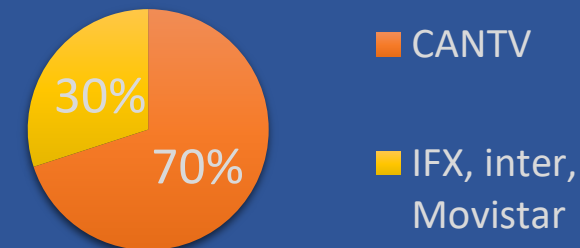
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- Twitter and WhatsApp are used to transmit news, then people distribute it locally.



## Internet Providers



CANTV, a state-owned telephone and internet service provider

## Conclusion

The most surprising thing I found was that when the Venezuelan government shuts down its media outlets, they try to cover it up by accusing activists for the blackouts. Censorship in this country is very affective, people must rely on foreign news. I believe the internet has an impact of the economy, so I would like to follow up on this topic.

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