



LGBTQ's

Online Movements
in China
in the face of
Online Censorship

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TIMELINE 1.

From 2018 to 2021, about the iconic Internet censorship to LGBTQ topics and related online movements

Representative online movements 2.

Take the example in 2018

3. Methods to avoid being banned

Sarcastic, especially some wordplays unique to Chinese

4. CONCLUSION



TIMELINE

April
the most rigorous
censorship of LGBTQ
topics

2018

2019

April
Censorship only for
Lesbian topics

April
The first
LGBTQ Speaking Out Month
in China

2020

July
“unnamed accounts”: All
sexual minority associations
in Chinese universities were
banned with no reason

2021

<https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/6MkWt2IIR-xglj2mnVtsaw>

<https://www.rfa.org/mandarin/yataibaodao/meiti/ql-04252019094312.html>

<https://www.bbc.com/zhongwen/trad/chinese-news-57763594>



LGBTQ's movement in the face of online censorship in 2018

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| trigger | Weibo launched a three-month content clean-up campaign under the <u>Cyber Security Law</u> , removing much gay content. |
| content being censored | LGBTQ-related hashtags, pictures and videos on Weibo LGBTQ social organizations' accounts on Weibo |
| online movements | Mainly in Weibo |
| demand | 1.an end to the clean-up of LGBTQ content 2.detailed rules for censorship of social media |
| performance | HASHTAGS: #我是同性恋 (I AM GAY)# #我是同性恋我拒绝被清查 (I'm gay and refuse to be censored) # SHARING: LGBTQ groups and their families shared their felling and experiences on Weibo |
| result | People's Daily, the official medium of the Chinese government, published an article calling for an end to the clean-up |

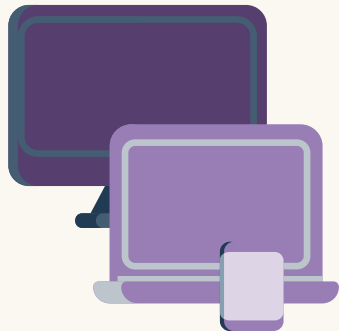




同志之声(Gay Voice), one of the most famous, influential organizations for gay people, had to announce in 2018 that it was suspending all work and no longer posting content on Weibo.

<https://weibo.com/tongzhier?nick=%E5%90%8C%E5%BF%97%E4%B9%8B%E5%A3%B0>

上海梅姐 (Mei sister in Shanghai) , the mother of a gay man, using the hashtag# 我是同性恋(I AM GAY)# to show her support for her son and all sexual minorities, spoke out against the cleaning-up on Weibo.



<https://weibo.com/n/上海梅姐>

https://weibo.com/tv/show/1034:4858481602396218?from=old_pc_videoshow



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愿明天会更好!

同志之声微博编辑部
2018年4月14日



上海梅姐

#我是同性恋# 我是同性恋孩子的母亲,我和儿子爱我们国家,我们不管去哪我们都会大声告诉对方我们来自中国!我们为自己是中国人而骄傲!但今天看到@微博管理员 发的#微博社区公告# 第一条,把同性恋题材的内容和涉黄、血腥暴力混为一谈,我瞬间感觉到我一泱泱大国,新浪微博作为新闻窗口在对待少数群体的歧视和打击是如此的暴力! 1997年,《刑法》删除了流氓罪,同性恋在中国不再是一种罪行;2001年,《中国精神障碍分类与诊断标准第三版(CCMD-3)》中删除了“自我和谐型”的同性恋,同性恋在中国不再是一种病症。2014年统计数据在中国同性恋人数就有7000万。同性恋者的心理健康状况十分令人担忧。因为受歧视,30%~35%的同性恋者有过强烈的自杀念头,9%~13%的人有过自杀行为,67%的人感到“非常孤独”,63%的人感到“相当压抑”。超过半数人由于不被理解,曾感到很痛苦并严重影响生活和工作。



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Methods to avoid being banned

BASIC METHODS

rotate the angle of the image
Mosaic the LGBTQ elements in the image

SPECIAL METHOD (wordplays)

Based on **the same Chinese characters**

同性恋(tóng xìng liàn)→
同志(tóng zhì)
Homosexual→comrade

Based on **the homophonic occurrence of Chinese and English**

Lesbian→拉拉(lā lā)
热拉(rè lā) →The L

Based on **icons and emoji**

Rainbow&彩虹(cǎi hóng)
& 🏳️ →LGBTQ group

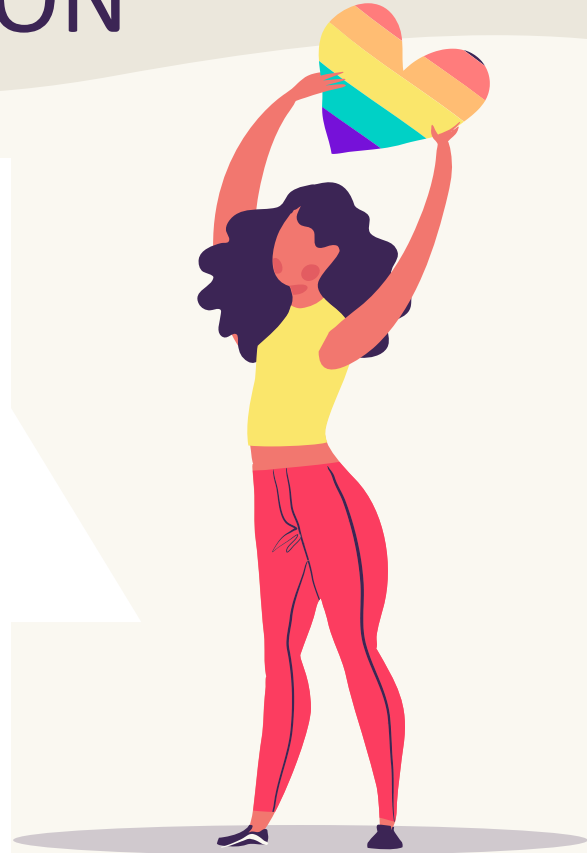
Based on **the need for self-mockery or sarcasm**

社会主义兄弟情(socialist brotherhood)→Veiled gay relationships in film and television



CONCLUSION

1. LGBTQ's online movements in mainland China are always appeal to refuse to be banned and blocked.
2. Ambiguous censorship system and official attitude have compressed the Internet living space of the LGBTQ group.
3. Many methods used to circumvent censorship are just a helpless move to preserve the opportunity to be heard.
4. Social media provides opportunities for LGBTQ's movements to shift from small-circle offline mutual assistance to extensive online movements, which unites the community and increases its visibility in society.



THANK YOU



参考图标



MISSION

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and the smallest one in the entire Solar System



VISION

Saturn is the ringed planet. It's a gas giant, composed mostly of hydrogen and helium

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