

## Internet

- Usage
- Government Control
  - Limit Access: Myanmar, Cuba, North Korea
  - Control Content (censorship):
    - \* Saudi Arabia–single point of traffic
    - \* China–ISP agreements
      - filtering can affect transmission to other countries
  - Standards vary in West
    - Germany forbids Neo-Nazi sites, but U.S. does not

- **Pornography**

- Sexually explicit depiction of persons created to elicit significant sexual arousal on the part of the consumer
- **Kant: treats a person as a means to sexual gratification**
- **Utilitarians:**
  - \* harmful consequences
  - \* reduces dignity of human life
  - \* reduces likelihood that victims receive justice (desensitization)
  - \* encourages imitation that is criminal (e.g. rape)
  - \* offends most people, poisons the environment
  - \* diverts resources from more worthy activities

- Adults vs. Children
  - \* If children are involved in production or consumption, it is immoral and exploitative (almost universal)
  - \* Parents have the right to protect their children. Opens door to government role.
  - \* If all are adults
    - Producers make money
    - Consumers derive pleasure
    - Harmless outlet for exploration
- Arguments can be contradictory – do we need descriptive ethics here?