Access to: Facebook and Internet

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Access to Internet: Broader Issues

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  – Affects trends in journalism and news reporting

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Access to Facebook: Broader Issues

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Article Content & Statistics:

• Internet:
  – Between 2000 and 2011, 480 % growth in number of internet users worldwide
  – While Africa contains 15.0% of global population, the continent accounts for 5.7% of internet users. Americas have 13.6% of global pop. and represent 23.3% of internet users, Europe 11.8% of global pop., represent 22.3% of internet users

• Facebook:
  – Rapidly approaching 700 million member milestone
  – According to Google survey, most-accessed site on the Internet in 2011
  – Currently banned in China, Vietnam, Syria and North Korea
Literature / Resources:

- http://www.isoc.org/
- “The Valorization of Political Economy: Towards a Political Economy of Facebook,” Nicole Cohen
- http://www.economist.com
- http://www.thenextweb.com
Overview of Peer-review:

• Robert’s Articles:
  – International Criminal Law
    • Nuremberg Trials
    • International Law

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