



Pronouns

She/Her

Role

Political Researcher

Location

Cairo, Egypt

Languages

Arabic, English

Fatima, the censored user

Internet censorship in Egypt has expanded under the current administration, which has blocked access to hundreds of websites – the majority of which belong to news and media outlets. Moreover journalists, activists and bloggers are at risk of indefinite detention for their investigations and reporting.

This not only makes Fatima’s job as a political researcher more difficult, but places her own freedom in danger too. Fatima has used VPNs in the past to bypass censors, however as the state expands its surveillance apparatus she’s learned of the risk of being identified despite her VPN use, and that Tor can better protect her anonymity instead.

Motivation

Fatima wants to bypass state censorship in order to conduct her political research, while minimising her risk of discovery and arrest.

Pain points

- Heavy censorship makes it difficult to ascertain which tools will work best in Egypt.
- Fatima needs to use Gettor to download the Tor Browser Bundle instead.
- The Tor Network is blocked, but Fatima is confident she can configure a bridge manually.
- Fatima is at high risk even when using Tor owing to the political nature of her research.

Risk level

⚠️ ⚠️ ⚠️ HIGH

Trust level

✅ ✅ ✅ HIGH

Technical proficiency

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Income

💰 💰 \$ MODERATE

Bandwidth

⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ ⚡ LOW

Tor censorship

🚫 Tor completely blocked