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## Level 4

### Social media site reverses LGBT ban after outcry

18th April, 2018

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180418-lgbt-4.html>

One of China's biggest social media sites has reversed its ban on LGBT content. On Friday, it made a statement saying it would delete images and videos that were "related to homosexuality". It would also remove pornographic content or images of "bloody violence". The site said it was part of a "clean-up campaign" to "create a sunny and harmonious [online] community". It also said it was following China's cyber-security laws.

The site reversed the decision after an outcry from Internet users. Many of the LGBT community posted photos of themselves with their partners online. One user said the Chinese constitution protected the "personal dignity" of citizens. A woman from Shanghai said: "I suddenly find that in this strong country, [the site] is discriminating against and attacking this sexual minority." The site thanked everyone for the discussion.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2018/apr/16/china-weibo-bans-homosexual-content-protest>  
<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-asia-china-43779650>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180418-lgbt-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                      |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. One of China's biggest social | a. "bloody violence" |
| 2. reversed its ban              | b. community         |
| 3. it would delete images        | c. content           |
| 4. pornographic                  | d. security laws     |
| 5. images of                     | e. and videos        |
| 6. part of a clean-              | f. media sites       |
| 7. create a sunny and harmonious | g. on LGBT content   |
| 8. China's cyber-                | h. up campaign       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                         |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The site reversed         | a. photos of themselves |
| 2. an outcry from            | b. from Shanghai        |
| 3. the LGBT community posted | c. for the discussion   |
| 4. the Chinese               | d. dignity              |
| 5. personal                  | e. minority             |
| 6. A woman                   | f. constitution         |
| 7. sexual                    | g. the decision         |
| 8. thanked everyone          | h. Internet users       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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One of China's biggest social media sites (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ban on LGBT content. On Friday, it made a statement saying it (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and videos that were "related to homosexuality". It would also remove pornographic (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of "bloody violence". The site said it (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a "clean-up campaign" to "(5) \_\_\_\_\_ and harmonious [online] community". It also said it was following China's (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The site reversed the decision (7) \_\_\_\_\_ from Internet users. Many of the LGBT community (8) \_\_\_\_\_ themselves with their partners online. One (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Chinese constitution protected the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ citizens. A woman from Shanghai said: "I suddenly find that in this strong country, [the site] is discriminating (11) \_\_\_\_\_ this sexual minority." The site (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the discussion.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# LGBT ISSUES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1804/180418-lgbt-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about LGBT issues in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

