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Social media site reverses LGBT ban after outcry

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THE READING

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One of China's biggest social media sites, Weibo, has reversed its ban on content related to LGBT issues. On Friday, it made a statement saying that for the next three months, it would delete images and videos that were "related to homosexuality". It also said it would remove pornographic content or anything that promoted "bloody violence". Weibo said it was part of a new "clean-up campaign" to "create a sunny and harmonious [online] community" within China. It also said it wanted to follow China's cyber-security laws.

Weibo reversed the decision after a public outcry from the country's Internet users. Many of Weibo's LGBT community answered the ban by posting photos of themselves with their partners online, often adding rainbow emojis. One user said the Chinese constitution maintains that no one can offend the "personal dignity" of citizens. A woman from Shanghai posted: "I suddenly find that in this strong country, Weibo is discriminating against and attacking this sexual minority." Weibo responded to the outcry by reversing its decision. It 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>
<http://www.scmp.com/news/china/society/article/2141907/online-outcry-forces-chinas-twitter-sina-weibo-backtrack>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. LGBT | a. images |
| 2. it would delete | b. up campaign |
| 3. videos that were related | c. security laws |
| 4. anything that promoted bloody | d. to homosexuality |
| 5. part of a new clean- | e. community |
| 6. sunny | f. violence |
| 7. online | g. issues |
| 8. follow China's cyber- | h. and harmonious |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. after a public | a. to the outcry |
| 2. posting photos of | b. that |
| 3. often adding rainbow | c. for the discussion |
| 4. personal | d. minority |
| 5. I suddenly find | e. dignity |
| 6. attacking this sexual | f. outcry |
| 7. Weibo responded | g. emojis |
| 8. It thanked everyone | h. themselves |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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One of China's biggest social media sites, Weibo, (1) _____
ban on content related to LGBT issues. On Friday, it
(2) _____ saying that for the next three months, it would
delete images and videos that were "(3) _____". It also
said it would remove pornographic content or (4) _____
"bloody violence". Weibo said it was part of a new
"(5) _____" to "create a sunny and harmonious [online]
community" within China. It also said it (6) _____ China's
cyber-security laws.

Weibo reversed the decision after (7) _____ from the
country's Internet users. Many of Weibo's LGBT community answered the
ban (8) _____ of themselves with their partners online,
(9) _____ emojis. One user said the Chinese constitution
maintains that no one (10) _____ "personal dignity" of
citizens. A woman from Shanghai posted: "I suddenly find that in this strong
country, Weibo is discriminating (11) _____ this sexual
minority." Weibo responded to the outcry by reversing its decision. It
thanked everyone (12) _____.

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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **lgbt issues** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
