

To the Editor:

Re "A Seductive Drug Culture Flourishes on the Internet" (front page, June 20):

Equating pornography with ideas that are unpopular with the Government and segments of society, and claiming that the Internet lacks a "quality control mechanism to separate facts from hyperbole," is an advocacy of censorship.

Surely The New York Times would reject any Government attempt to ban or limit the age of readership for printed news articles discussing the feasibility of legalizing marijuana. So what makes censoring the Internet any different?

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