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Subject: Re: Help! Can not land David website.  
Posted by [duxiyu@gmail.com](mailto:duxiyu@gmail.com) on Sun, 11 Jan 2009 08:51:51 GMT  
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On Jan 10, 10:38 pm, Dave <daikan1...@tom.com> wrote:

> David:  
> I am a IDL user from China. Recently, I can not land your website  
> "http://www.dfanning.com/", and lots of other people have the same  
> problem. Please help me.  
> Thanks very much!  
>  
> Dave

I am a user from China too.  
It seems that David's website was banned by mistake.  
You can use the proxy to connect it.

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Subject: Re: Help! Can not land David website.  
Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2009 13:54:40 GMT  
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was a mistake? :-(

Cheers,

David

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Subject: Re: Help! Can not land David website.  
Posted by [xue1527](#) on Sun, 11 Jan 2009 21:22:16 GMT  
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Using proxy is an effective way to access David's website.

xB Browser (<http://xerobank.com/download/xb-browser/>) is a good software that makes David's website accessing possible.

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2009 00:19:34 GMT

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My youngest son, who is studying Chinese, and who has aspirations to study in China next year, is now convinced I have ruined his life by becoming an enemy of the State. :-(

Cheers,

David

P.S. Does anyone know of a re-education facility I can enroll in with an eye toward restoring my reputation?

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Subject: Re: Help! Can not land David website.  
Posted by [pgrigis](#) on Mon, 12 Jan 2009 15:30:17 GMT  
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They certainly do put quite a bit of money in universities and such.

So it seems like they a self-defeating strategy to censor useful sites that support whole communities of astronomer, geographers, climatologists etc. etc. How will they going to be able to graduate now?

Maybe David you could take it over from Coyote? ;-)

Ciao,  
Paolo

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Subject: Re: Help! Can not land David website.  
Posted by [jameskuyper](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 12:14:59 GMT  
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Subject: Re: Help! Can not land David website.

Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 13:43:58 GMT

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Having had some recent experience with bureaucratic, authoritarian states--I speak of the Driver's License Bureau--I can't help but think a complete lack of a sense of humor plays a role. These people seem to resent even the tiniest smile as an affront to their role in making people's lives as miserable as possible in the three or four hours you wait in their endless lines.

If I were going to crack down on teenagers listening to subversive music and middle age men leering at pictures of young women, these people are certainly the ones I would put in charge. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. As for why they are targeting me, I can only assume it is because of the article explaining the history of the IEPA. :-(

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Posted by [Jean H.](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 14:52:07 GMT

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Posted by [David Fanning](#) on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 15:27:07 GMT  
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Jean H. writes:

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Oh, yeah, I hadn't thought about that. Dr. Tatiana's Sex  
Advice to All Creation is certainly something we don't  
want the Chinese to get their hands on. :-(

[http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote\\_reading.html](http://www.dfanning.com/reading/coyote_reading.html)

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Now that I think about it, there may be something to this.  
I did review The Story of Tibet: Conversations with the  
Dalai Lama. I would think "Dalai Lama" has got to be on  
their list of forbidden search terms. Wow. :-(

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