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New Mobile App Tracks Internet Censorship Worldwide

ooniprobe App Is Easy to Use

(Rome, Italy) The Open Observatory of Network Interference (OONI: <https://ooni.torproject.org/>) released a new, easy-to-use mobile app (“**ooniprobe - Measure Internet Censorship & Performance**”) that will allow almost anyone to track and collect network censorship data.

The mobile app will allow **Android** and **iOS** users to monitor:

- Blocking of websites;
- Presence of systems that could be responsible for censorship or surveillance;
- Speed and performance of networks—including their own.

OONI is a free software project that has been examining internet censorship since 2012. It has detected censorship events in countries such as [Uganda](#), [Ethiopia](#), [Iran](#), [Saudi Arabia](#), [Turkey](#), [Greece](#), [China](#), [Russia](#), [India](#), [Indonesia](#) and [Sudan](#).

According to Moses Karanja, a Kenyan researcher on the politics of information controls at Strathmore University’s [CIPIT](#):

“What Signal did for end-to-end encryption, OONI did for unmasking censorship. Most Africans rely on mobile phones as their primary means of accessing the internet and OONI’s mobile app allows for decentralized efforts in unmasking the nature of censorship and internet performance. The possibilities are exciting for researchers, business and the human rights community around the world. We look forward to interesting days ahead. ”

OONI’s mobile app (“ooniprobe”) has been designed to empower individuals around the world to test the “health” of their internet and to **uncover evidence of internet censorship** in their networks. Since all test results are published



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(<https://explorer.ooni.torproject.org/world/>), users can help increase transparency of internet censorship around the world.

The app also provides unusually detailed information about the state of the user's own Internet network, and can measure speed and potentially throttling in the user's network. **Ooniprobe - Measure Internet Censorship & Performance** is now available in the **Google Play** and **iOS app stores**.

According to Arturo Filastò, OONI's project lead and core developer:

"Never before has it been so easy to uncover evidence of internet censorship. By simply owning a smartphone (and running ooniprobe), you can now play an active role in increasing transparency around internet controls."

A screenshot of the app is provided below.

[The Open Observatory of Network Interference](#) (OONI) is a free software project under the [Tor Project](#) which collects and processes network measurements with the aim of detecting network anomalies, such as censorship, surveillance and traffic manipulation. Since 2012, OONI has collected millions of measurements across more than 100 countries around the world. Follow us on Twitter: [@openobservatory](#)



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