

google's contradictions, baidu has market ~~share~~ ^{majority} in China → more likely to rely on baidu

Slide 2: Issues

Chinese Healthcare System

- local governments in charge of managing/funding/maintaining hospital budgets since privatization efforts in 1980s/1990s
 - to increase hospital budget, local gov relied on upcharging drug prices + advertising drugs to patients in hospitals → explains why doctors repeatedly encouraged biological immunotherapy treatment (that was ineffective) to Wei Zexi
- difficult to get best treatments at hospitals b/c of high demand + limited supply (b/c of low operating budget) → explains why desperate patients + families like Wei Zexi turn to internet sources hoping for an affordable, effective miracle cure
 - reliance on online chat rooms to spread information about possible effective + affordable medicines + general support groups for illnesses

Baidu:

- most used internet platform/search engine in China (2008, Baidu = 73.2% of online traffic)
- because Baidu = most used search engine, - Chinese netizens are more likely to use Baidu's flawed + biased algorithm to find information
- Baidu also conforms more to CCP censorship laws → CCP will recommend Baidu → more users using their flawed + biased algorithm

Google - hypocritical of their original mission

- despite declaring a commitment to a free information economy w/ equal access to info on the internet for all, Google got caught being aware of possible pharmaceutical drug scams + advertising those scams
- after exiting China, in 2018 created Project Dragonfly, a search engine for China that complies w/ CCP censorship laws