China hacking attack timeline
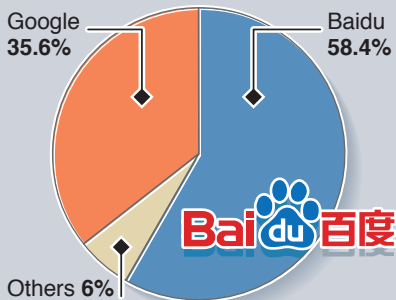
Google

Google **35.6%**

Baidu **58.4%**

Others **6%**

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Search engines in China
Market share Oct-Dec 2009

■ **Apr 2009:** Cyber-attacks begin on several *Fortune 100* companies. Attacks traced back to China

■ **Late 2009:** Known as *Operation Aurora*, attacks on computer source code are made on servers of more than 30 U.S. companies including search giant *Google*, *Adobe Systems*, hosting company *RackSpace*, *Northrop Grumman* and *Dow Chemical*. **Aurora combines encryption, stealth programming and previously unknown hole in Internet Explorer to hack company networks**

■ **Jan 2, 2010:** Google discloses its e-mail servers were breached in December in failed bid to access *Gmail* accounts of Chinese dissidents

■ **Jan 21:** U.S. Secretary of State *Hillary Clinton* calls on China to probe Google attack

■ **Feb:** *National Security Agency* – U.S. cryptologic intelligence arm – works with Google and other victim companies. Aurora traced to two Chinese computer science facilities, *Shanghai Jiaotong University* and *Lanxiang Vocational School* – both deny involvement

■ **Feb 28:** China denies government links to cyber attacks against Google

■ **Mar 22: Google stops censoring its China-based search engine, moving its Chinese-language service to servers in Hong Kong**

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