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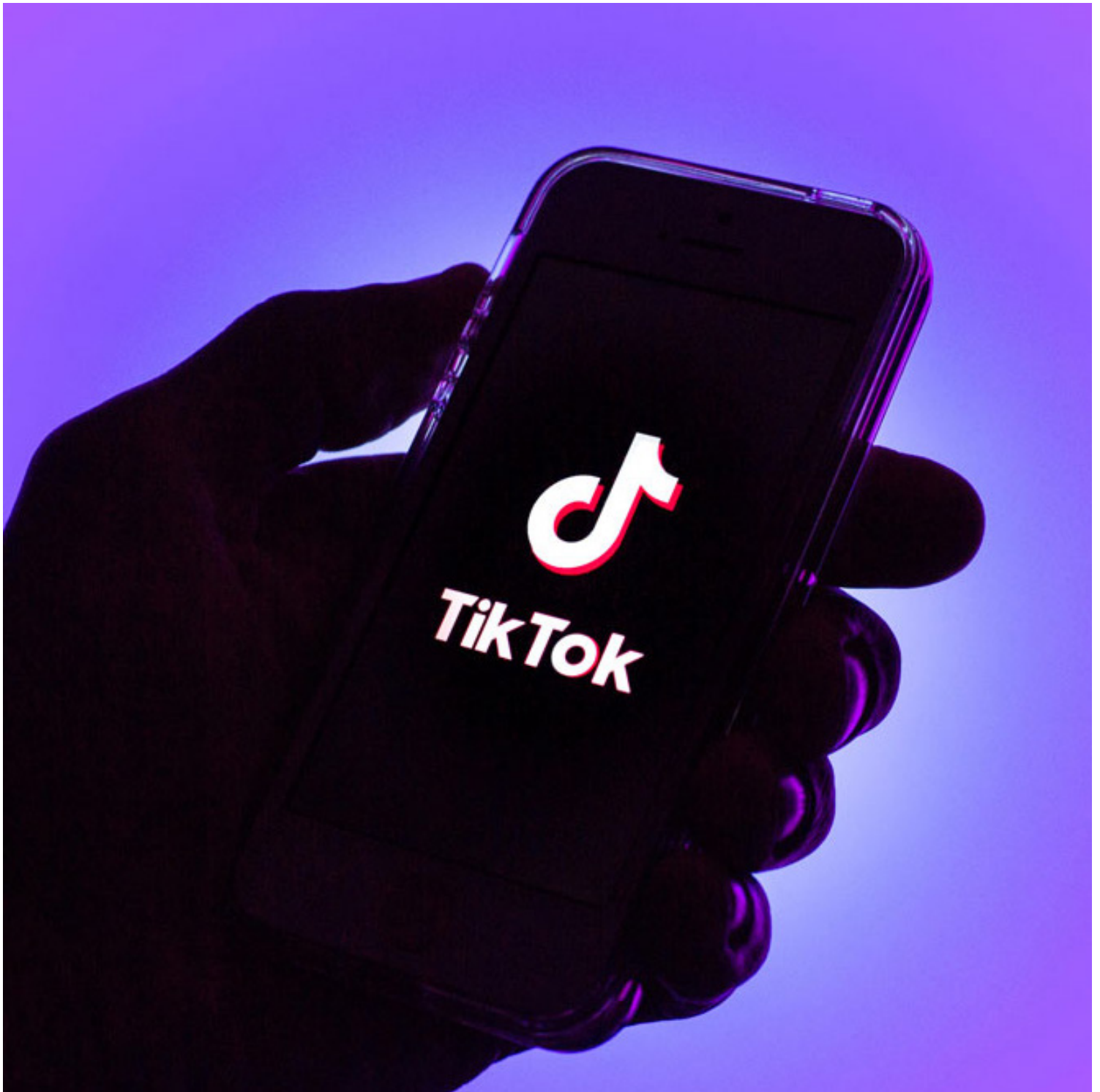
# 26 Tiktok Gets Banned

The Famous App is Getting Banned Around the Globe

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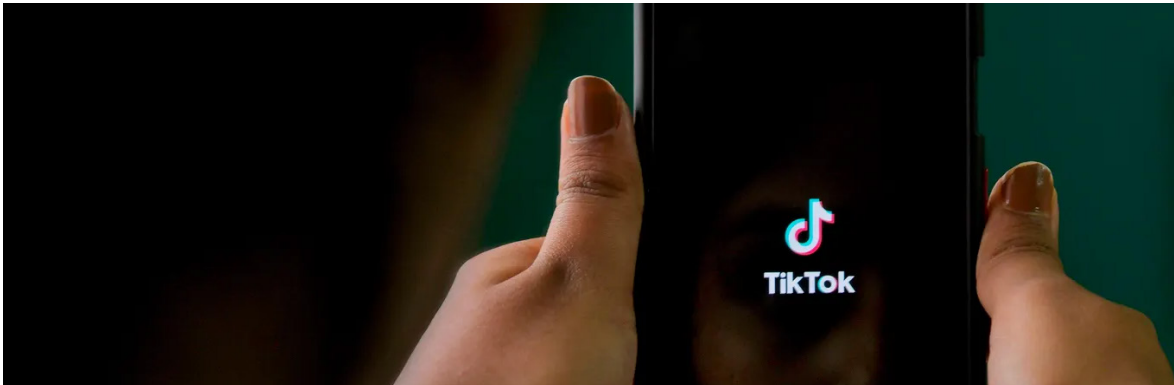
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# 01

## Reading



TikTok is owned by the Chinese tech company, ByteDance. Some fear that the app can harvest your data and potentially hand it to the Chinese government. For people with sensitive information on their phones for example government workers, it could mean a potentially major **security risk**.

So, at a time when tensions between China and the US are high and governments are cracking down and banning workers from having the app on their work phones. Government workers in more than half of the US states Canada and the European commission are all banned from having TikTok on their work devices.

The US House Foreign Affairs Committee even voted to give President Biden the power to ban the app altogether. It's something his **predecessor** Donald Trump attempted to do in 2020.

"I set a date around September 15 at which point it's going to be out of business in the United States."

TikTok was also completely banned in India in 2020 along with the host of other Chinese-owned apps. The UK has not put in place these types of restrictions yet but some MPs are worried about TikTok.

"Our data is a key **vulnerability** and China is building a **tech totalitarian** state on the back of our data so we have to get far more serious about protecting ourselves."

TikTok denies it could be a security risk at all. After the EU commission's ban on the app, Brussels-based Public Policy Official Caroline Greer tweeted that the suspension is misguided and based on fundamental misconceptions. But it seems bans like this aren't having much of an impact on people who use the app.

"I used to be very concerned about my data but being on social media I think, there's a lot of companies that take advantage of data and sell it and so TikTok in my mind is just another company doing that." *(stops at 2:50)*

# 02

## Activity

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### A1 | Pair Me Up

Match the words on the first column to its corresponding meaning on the second column.

SECURITY RISK'	1 _____	A	devices by which people forfeit their privacy
PREDECESSOR	2 _____	B	misunderstandings
VULNERABILITY	3 _____	C	basic
TECH TOTALITARIAN	4 _____	D	being easily hurt or attacked
FUNDAMENTAL	5 _____	E	possible threat to the security
MISCONCEPTIONS	6 _____	F	ancestor; the one who comes before

### A2 | Complete Me

Complete the sentence using the right words from the video. (Note: Don't use the written article.)

TikTok is **1** \_\_\_\_\_ by the Chinese tech company, ByteDance. Some fear that the app can **2** \_\_\_\_\_ your data and **3** \_\_\_\_\_ hand it to the Chinese **4** \_\_\_\_\_. For people with **5** \_\_\_\_\_ information on their phones for example government workers, it could mean a potentially major **6** \_\_\_\_\_ risk.

## 03

**Speak Up**

*You are welcome to authentically share your thoughts as you go through the following questions.*

1

Do you have a TikTok account? Do you also post something on your TikTok account?

2

Do you agree that there is a security risk in using TikTok? Why? Why not?

3

In your point of view, will there be a huge impact to the e-sellers that use TikTok for their business?




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KEY ANSWERS

1E 2F 3D 4A 5C 6B

1 owned – 2 harvest – 3 potentially – 4 government – 5 sensitive – 6 security

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