

# Why the US Is Banning Independent TikTok Now

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*The "threat" from China in general, and about TikTok as a particular case, is about reestablishing US hegemony, including US hegemony on information. It is about the US wanting to monopolize a global capability to spread even the most egregious US lies as "free speech" and "democracy" without any obstacles.*

In an attack on free global media, the US Congress has just decided that China must divest of TikTok and put TikTok under US ownership. Now.

Why?

And why now?

The likely answer has come incidentally from Dr. Masood Raja (from University of North Texas). Dr. Raja explains that he has tried ALL social media's coverage of Israel's atrocities in Gaza – and TikTok is *the* place where you find all about Israel's genocide and other crimes Gaza covered.

These images [of young Palestinians being paraded around blindfolded] don't come to us from mainstream US media. These images come to us from citizen-reporters, from people on the ground sharing them on the social media.

Out of all the social media platforms – and I have tested *all* of them – TikTok has been the *only* place where you could go for latest reports on what's going on in Gaza.

In clear language:

The US wants to prohibit TikTok as a media independent of the US political class and deep state. The US wants to censor TikTok from reporting Israel's genocide by putting TikTok

under full US control and censorship – just like all other “free” western media whose narratives are controlled by the US.

Biden and the Democrats hypocritically wring their hands and claim to “do good”.

But Biden, the Democrats, and US institutions *and* media are fully involved in Israel’s genocide. They take direct part in planning and execution of Israel’s genocide, and they do so in vicious ways you didn’t imagine.

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