

President-Elect Trump Makes Supreme Court Request: Give Me Time to Negotiate Deal for TikTok

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President-elect Donald Trump is wasting no time preparing to clean up the mess left behind by Joe Biden's administration. Voters gave Trump a clear mandate to restore American strength and leadership, and he's hitting the ground running.

A big part of his agenda is reversing some of the most baffling decisions made under Democratic leadership. High on that list? Addressing a boneheaded move to ban TikTok, a social media platform beloved by millions of Americans.

The controversial ban, set to take effect on January 19, has drawn sharp criticism, with Trump leading the charge to resolve the issue. Trump can easily resolve the issue of China's involvement in the app. But the ban is steadily approaching, so Trump is headed for the highest court in the land.

From The Daily Wire:

President-elect Donald Trump urged the Supreme Court on Friday to pause an impending ban on the Chinese-owned social media platform TikTok.

Trump's legal team filed a friend-of-the-court brief requesting the justices pause TikTok's ban, due to go into effect on January 19, to give the president-elect time to negotiate a deal to keep the platform operating in the United States. The effort to ban TikTok gained bipartisan support earlier this year as critics accused the platform of threatening U.S. national security by collecting data on Americans.

TikTok's Legal Tangle: Trump Steps In

TikTok's troubles began earlier this year when bipartisan lawmakers grew concerned over its Chinese ownership. Critics argued that ByteDance, TikTok's parent company, could misuse American user data or allow Beijing to meddle in U.S. affairs.

Congress passed, and President Biden signed, legislation demanding that TikTok sell its U.S. operations or face a ban. While the law gave TikTok 270 days to comply, the clock is ticking, and the app remains in legal limbo.

Trump's legal team isn't taking sides in the larger dispute, but they are calling for a pause. Their argument? The ban not only threatens First Amendment rights, but also risks setting a dangerous global precedent.

After all, if the U.S. can shut down a social media platform, what's to stop other countries from doing the same? Trump's team points to Brazil's temporary ban on X (formerly Twitter) as an example of how such actions could spiral out of control.

"The First Amendment implications of the federal government's shuttering of a social media platform used by 170 million Americans are sweeping and troubling," Trump's legal brief states.

It argues that a nationwide shutdown of TikTok would harm Americans' freedom of speech while undermining trust in the U.S. government's ability to address concerns without overreach.

National Security vs. Free Speech

The Biden administration, however, has doubled down on its position. According to the Department of Justice, TikTok's Chinese ties pose a direct threat to national security.

Officials argue that the platform collects massive amounts of data on American users, which could be exploited for espionage or blackmail by the Chinese Communist Party. They also warn that Beijing could use TikTok to spread disinformation or disrupt the U.S. during a crisis.

These concerns aren't new. Lawmakers from both parties have raised red flags about Chinese tech companies gaining too much influence in America. But Trump's approach highlights a critical difference.

He's looking for a solution that protects Americans without trampling on their rights. By negotiating a deal to keep TikTok running in the U.S., Trump aims to strike a balance between security and freedom.

What's Next for TikTok—and America?

The Supreme Court's decision will shape the future of TikTok in America. If the justices grant Trump's request, his administration will have a chance to work out a deal that satisfies both security hawks and TikTok's massive user base. That's no small task, but if anyone can pull it off, it's Trump.

Beyond TikTok, this issue serves as a preview of Trump's broader strategy to undo Biden's policies. From economic reform to border security, Trump's focus is clear: fix what's broken, and put Americans first. His bold leadership style is already making waves, and supporters are eager to see him back in the Oval Office.