

Minds Founder Bill Ottman on "Sneaky" TikTok Ban

The Joe Rogan experience the US government produces more classified information than non classified information So even if like there's an audit they could redact everything Yeah and it's just all these different uh divisions and departments and they all have their own protocols So just getting a handle on it is I mean that's the first thing that has to get done We have to but not not that we're even going to get the real information from there But um but then there's also the national security aspect of it It's like you know you have to have some things redacted because you know of China and Russia like you can just say that and then yeah that is the phrase that gets used So because they have a full like clampdown on their population I mean they they limit the access to the internet They they is essentially like China based like you VPN S are illegal and they're trying to do that here in America It's all backwards Yeah With the restrict it's getting it's getting 20 years if you use a VPN which is hilarious and it's it's managed by the Commerce Department unelected bureaucrats Are the once see tiktok's actually not named in that act They're just letting the Secretary of Commerce decide which apps That's insane It's insane So um yeah Dan Crenshaw posted about it He he he thinks it's not that big a deal because he thinks that you know there's a lot of uh acts that get pushed and then they never get passed through But what's disturbing is just the idea the desire to do this and the fact that it imagine if it did get passed I mean it's just a a fucking full on assault on free speech Yeah I mean it seems to be getting a toxic stigma connected to Did you see Jesse Waters Grill Lindsey Graham about it Didn't he didn't read it but he endorsed it and it was and he just got completely called out It was it was really funny like that should be illegal if you should not even be able to sign something that you haven't read and they can't read it It's too it's too long There's not enough time there's not enough time That's a lot of these acts right Oh and they slip a bunch of shit in there That's like wait a minute what about page 485 Like what the fuck is going on there And then like 00 I didn't read that Yeah I meanwhile it's just like it's gonna change discourse in this country It's gonna change what people have you know the the the access that people have to free speech and communication And I mean I think a lot of people endorsed it righteously being concerned about tiktok You know that's what was so sneaky is you know they they enrage you to then support this disaster Um And it's just like we we can all agree that there's a problem with Tik Tok and that there's you know the Chinese government having

access to all of this data is is problematic but like there should be an encrypt act like encrypt everything but you can't go around banning apps it just doesn't work It's irrelevant People are going to use uh VPN si I I think this this uh act needs I I don't think it's gonna make it but I hope you're right because more people are talking about it Tulsi Gabbard posted a big thing about it There's a lot of people that are up in arms but my concern is if it wasn't for social media that act which was kind of ironic right If it wasn't for social media and people sharing this and becoming outraged and people discussing this it would have slipped right through Like the Patriot Act did the Patriot Act existed in a time where there wasn't social media and people weren't really aware of what they were pushing through until it was too late Yeah I think there's much better solutions I mean did you watch any of the tiktok ceo getting grilled Ok So you know that was interesting because you know he's a pretty he seemed like a sober guy Um but in his point was well you have to have consistent standards for other social media companies too I mean like how do we know that Facebook and Google Just because they're us based doesn't mean that they're not giving data to China We have no idea we have no idea So that's really the issue We need to understand what specifically are all of these apps doing They should be labeled very specifically Um You know and we're starting to see some of that happen But the thing is you can't know with these proprietary apps because they're just not sharing anything I think one of the problems that people have with uh whether any kind of decentralized um app like yours or any other de decentralized uh social media network is that people immediately go oh what what do I have to do to do this Like Mastodon when people start using Mastodon and you get on it and you're like what is this There's so many servers and how do I know what to join and what what's going on here like Yeah so well mines is different Mines is actually not fully decentralized We're a hybrid So we run a centralized infrastructure but we interface through delegation delegated cryptographic events signing We we that's happening in the background but like our app feels like a normal social media It's different master on the way that that works is Federated instances So there's all of these different instances with different URL S and there's like 20 people on each one And you know but there is sort of some interoperability between the instances because that you you can subscribe to somebody on another instance from your instance but it's not fully decentralized it's Federated And the problem is that you don't own your identity So if if if one of those instances goes down you're screwed your your

stuff is is gone with in in Noster which is like an architecturally different setup and there's other protocols similar to Noster But it doesn't matter if the website goes down you just pop over to another one upload your key and all your stuff is there So and that's why we like it because it keeps us in check because our users could can now basically if we fuck around they'll bounce and they can take their stuff And that's you know because the the social graph specifically is the key because you spend a decade bill you know getting all these followers It's your life People spend their lives doing this and then to be able to just get taken out by youtube is so devastating and unethical It's really creepy too because many of the things they took people out for have turned out to be true Like there was a lot of things that they were labeling as disinformation or misinformation which are 100% proven fact now and people lost their accounts and there's no recourse they're not going to reinstate you And that was a problem also with Twitter that for the longest time if you said anything that was contrary to whatever the narrative was what whether the government was pushing it or the CDC was pushing it like anything contrary to that narrative you would get fucked Yeah And those people they're not back though I will I think Twitter is making way more progress than everyone else And I'm look I'm ultimately an Elon fan I'm rooting for him I think it's vastly improved but there's chaos currently underway at Twitter and and those people have not all been let back on and I I don't really understand why the people that we don't know the people whose random Joe Schmo posting a COVID study Like has he been let back on all the thousands of people that got banned Like I think he essentially let back on everyone who didn't do anything illegal So not Alex not Alex Yeah that's true Yeah Well that's a personal opinion of Elon's which I don't agree with at all Yeah because they let Andrew Tate on Right You know it doesn't mean that he's endorsing Alex to let him back on It doesn't I mean because there's a lot of people that are back on that are you know they didn't make that one specific mistake that Alex made but they've said some but the mistake that the reason Alex was banned was because he confront it was actually for something he did off Twitter So he confronted this journalist Oliver Darcy in a line at some event and he was you know being Alex Jones sort of ranting at him And then Twitter said oh you're bullying this guy and this is like not acceptable behavior So so you're gonna leave But then when I remember you know the exchange with Elon and whoever it was that was asking asking it was that he hadn't been led on because of the Sandy Hook stuff which is not the same That's not even why he was banned So you know

it's not easy II I understand you know the politics of it and he probably has Tim cook being like you know we're not gonna advertise if you have Alex Jones but I don't know what's going on But it doesn't seem to me because he could he could win the argument if he would just let him back on And and did you see this crazy clip of uh of Ela and the BBC guy I I posted it to them It was amazing It was amazing It was amazing because the guy kept trying to change subjects and let's move on like no no no no no no no no no What what the fuck are you talking about Because that guy thought he could just say the narrative without specific examples Like give me an example and the guy had no examples That's most people who are concerned about this Well there's like a lot of people that I know that are famous that like publicly announced they were leaving Twitter and you know one of them I really love and I was like why are you doing I didn't even say anything to her but I'm like why are you doing this This is so dumb like you you're just doing this because this is the thing that everyone feels like they're supposed to do Hey well Twitter's kind of fucked now So but no it was fucked before It's less fucked now Yeah there are there people that are gonna say things like what I showed you earlier today which is hilarious and someone posted to Kamala Harris after she said something about the assault ban That shit's important It's important to have people mock people like I'm sorry if it hurts someone's feelings but that shit's important Yeah And I I I think the way that Elon handled that was great because obviously you need a specific example to back up an argument However I sort of think the whole premise of the conversation is wrong this idea this war that Twitter is at with all the think tanks and I think it was the Institute for Strategic discourse that had actually compiled the information that the BBC guy was talking about And there is information though there is data showing you know hate speech XYZ has increased However this is the wrong conversation It's not the existence or even rise of hate in the presence of that content on an app is not you're not just trying to ban hate Banning hate does not stop hate And this is what the peer reviewed research shows So so trying to bully Elon and Twitter for look even if there was a bump of hate speech since it became a little bit more free I mean it seems like that's uh uh potentially understandable intermediary effect to happen while things reorient like we open up free speech we're open up the valve a little bit OK Because we think that this is going to be healthy for society long term So let it bump a little bit We need that We need to see what we hate or what other people hate You need to like what is it Um Free speech lets us know who the idiots are like you need to identify them Yeah

The the best response to whatever it is bad speech is better speech is better arguments And that's you literally have a debate platform which is what Twitter essentially is Yeah that is the purpose the purpose Yeah And not to mention that the hate isn't defined So it's only one type of hate that these people are typically referring to right wing hate That that's ok And so actually so um we're we're suing California we just filed this law because this complaint they are trying to pass this social media law called A B 587 which requires it's a censorship law They they they require these policies on disinformation misinformation hate speech And then they use the undefined use the words extremism and radicalization There's no definitions They don't require you to have AAA child exploitation material policy but they do require you to have a policy on hate which isn't defined And so we're suing them with uh with the Babylon B and and Tim Pool When did they start this Uh when when they start trying to pass us it just went into effect in January So it's now it's now it's in So if you live in California what's the repercussions So it is it's targeted at social media companies So basically mandating that social media companies have the submit these policies So we would have to we would they would force us to write a policy on hate speech and submit it to them And then additionally we we would have to on like a biannual basis submit analytics about all of our moderation data which honestly we're already transparent about our moderation data So that's that's largely public Anyway we have a jury system Um and and we have in house moderators but the the it's it's just it's a huge burden Like it's crazy that they would expect companies to submit all that and then have these arbitrarily well actually not arbitrarily specifically chosen categories for policies that are clearly politically charged and knew some like when he came out and announced this law it was very you know we have to stop hate on social media and misinformation and disinformation protect society protect democracy No you know you're not protecting democracy by stopping free speech That is there's no there's no checks and balances in place if something turns out to be accurate