

# Minds Founder Bill Ottman on "Sneaky" TikTok Ban

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## Summary

The discussion revolves around the US government's production of classified information, the challenges in handling it, and the potential threat from countries like China and Russia. There is concern about a proposed act to ban certain apps, with the belief that it would infringe on free speech and advocate for better solutions. The issue of data sharing by US-based social media companies is also raised, and the need for transparency and labeling of apps specifically. Decentralized social media networks are seen as advantageous as they provide more control over identity and data.

## Silo sample questions

- What is the main concern regarding classified information?
- What is the national security aspect of handling classified information?
- What is the concern about the proposed act to ban certain apps?
- What is the issue with social media companies and data sharing?
- What is the advantage of decentralized social media networks?

## Topics

classified information

national security

proposed app ban

data sharing

decentralized social media

## Key Takeaways

- The main concern is that even if there is an audit, the government could redact everything and it's difficult to get a handle on it.
- Certain information needs to be redacted due to the potential threat from countries like China and Russia, who limit access to the internet in their own populations.
- The concern is that it would be an assault on free speech and could change discourse and communication in the country. There are better solutions to address the problem with apps like TikTok.
- The issue is that it's not known whether US-based social media companies, like Facebook and Google, are also giving data to China. There is a need to understand what these apps are specifically doing and label them accordingly.
- Decentralized networks like Noster allow users to have control over their identity and data, even if a website goes down. It provides more autonomy and prevents users from being unfairly banned.

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