

TikTok denies U.S. censorship claims

TikTok's new U.S. operation has denied claims that it is being censored less than a week after the platform's Chinese owner ByteDance sold its operations in the U.S. to prevent it being banned there

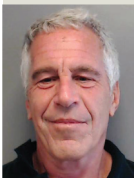
President Donald Trump

Pushed for sale of TikTok to U.S. investors over "national security" concerns



Governor Gavin Newsom

California to investigate censorship of content critical of Trump



References to late sex offender **Jeffrey Epstein** appear to be blocked

VALUATION

TikTok U.S. **\$14bn**

ByteDance **\$480 billion**

Federal law passed in 2024 would have banned app in U.S. if not separated from ByteDance

WHO CONTROLS TIKTOK

ByteDance 20%

Oracle 15%

Silver Lake (investment company) 15%

MGX (UAE investment company) 15%

Other investors Including **Michael Dell, General Atlantic, Susquehanna** 35%

