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The Double Standard of Censor Marco Rubio on Internet “Freedom”

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Republican Senator Marco Rubio, one of the major pioneers of the idea of using Internet as a weapon of war to topple the Cuban Revolution, has just urged President Biden on Tuesday to ban the Chinese-owned service of short-form videos **TikTok** in America’s soil.

According to Reuters, the anti-Cuban Senator’s claim to the current President was made after the Chinese government bought a stake out of his parent company **ByteDance**.

*“Beijing’s aggressiveness makes clear that the regime sees **TikTok** as an extension of the party-state, and the U.S. needs to treat it that way,”* said Rubio in an official statement.

The Senator believes that the U.S. must establish a framework of standards before *“a high-risk, foreign-based app is allowed to operate on American telecommunications networks and devices.”*

The now **TikTok** censor had urged the U.S. Senate just a few weeks ago, along with the also Republican Senator in Florida Rick Scott, to approved the 3097 Amendment to facilitate — in their own words — the free, open, and uncensored access to Internet for Cubans in the island.

To such individuals, the *“free, open, and uncensored access to Internet for Cubans in the island”* means to call for economic sabotage and summon violent riots to subvert the order and undermine civil peace amid a very complex situation in the country aggravated by the Covid-19 pandemic.

For decades, successive U.S. administrations — instigated by the anti-Cuban mafia based in Miami, of which Marco Rubio is a reputed member — have used Internet as a weapon of war against Cuba in hope of achieving, someday, an *“Arab Spring”* in the island.

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