

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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