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## Information Security [INFOSEC] Briefing

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## March - 2023 Cybersecurity Focus

**Is TikTok a national threat?** The Biden administration and politicians from both parties think so and voice concerns with the issue of certain nations, such as China, attempting to use digital technologies and Americans' data in ways that pose unacceptably high threats to national security. As such, the US Government now prohibits TikTok on federal devices. In addition, legislation is underway to restrict this software download on any U.S.-based smartphone.

In response, TikTok stated it hopes the US Congress will look into options that won't have the effect of silencing the voices of millions of Americans when it comes to resolving national security concerns. Mao Ning, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman,