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## Europe's New Law Will Force Secretive TikTok to Open Up | WIRED

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Social networks grow up faster these days. It took Facebook eight years to reach 1 billion users, but TikTok got there in just five. The fast-growing short-video app also got squeezed by political and regulatory concerns at a younger age over its <a href="Chinese ownership">Chinese ownership</a> and influence on <a href="teen mental health">teen mental health</a>.

The pressure on TikTok is now set to jump higher still. The European Union's recently agreed-upon <u>Digital Services Act</u> (DSA) places new restrictions on the largest platforms, a reaction to the way established platforms like Facebook and YouTube have been used to <u>undermine elections</u>, <u>promote genocide</u>, and spread <u>dangerous conspiracy theories</u>. But the new rules are likely to bring about bigger changes on TikTok than on more established platforms.

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