

# Turkey's clampdown on Twitter could lead to more disinformation | First Draft

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Tensions between social media companies and governments are rising — from India to Myanmar to Australia and beyond — leaving the platforms' users caught in the middle.

In Turkey, a looming showdown between the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan and Twitter is the latest flashpoint.

When Erdoğan's political party and its allies introduced changes to Turkey's Internet Law 5651 last year — which they said would limit misinformation, but which critics say looks more like a power grab — they handed tech companies a dilemma: surrender more control over platforms' content or face fines, potential expulsion and lost revenue. Some big companies have chosen the former. For now, Twitter is the largest holdout, in a dispute that could have major implications for Turkey's internet ecosystem.

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