

# [***Checks & Imbalances: Turkish TikTok Accounts Hacked Ahead Of Election***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68S2-VRJ1-JBCM-F18S-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**As Many As 700,000 Turkish TikTok Accounts Were Hacked Before The Country s Presidential Election**

Weeks before Turkey s authoritarian president, Recep Tayyip Erdo an, eked out a narrow reelection in May, TikTok s acting security chief, Kim Albarella,received a piece of bad news: As many as**700,000 TikTok accounts in Turkey had been compromised**by a hack that allowed attackers to access users private information and control their accounts, reports Emily Baker-White.

Internal emails, chat logs, documents, and other sourcing from inside and outside of TikTok reveal that the company was made aware of the vulnerability, which stemmed from its so called greyrouting of SMS messages through insecure channels, more than a year earlier. In April 2022, TikTok s security chief Roland Cloutier received an email from the U.K. s National Cyber Security Centre, a division of the nation s top intelligence agency, GCHQ, warning that this practice could allow SIM farms in Russia and other countries to request and intercept one-time passwords to gain access to TikTok users accounts.

In layman s terms, greyrouting means sending SMS text messages through unsecured channels in order to bypass fees established by international telecommunications agreements. Using greyroutes can save companies money and help them avoid guardrails like rate limits and anti-spam detection, but doing so**can compromise messages security**, making them vulnerable to interception.

**By The Numbers**

**$6,000**

**The amount Rep. Lauren Boebert s (R-Colo.) campaign for books in June. Last year, Post Hill Press published her memoir,** My American Life**.**

**4**

**The number of links to its social-media profiles that** Field Ethos**, a publication on outdoor adventure that Donald Trump Jr. co-founded, .**

**0**

**The number of** Field Ethos **links to Truth Social, Donald Trump s social-media platform.**

**Road to 2024**

2024 Republican presidential candidateLarry Elder joins Forbes Newsroom to discuss why he should be the Republican nominee for president, the top social problems facing the United States, why he does not believe in systemic racism and more.

**Tracking Trump**

**Trump s Licensing Business Receives Influx Of Middle East Money**

Developers from around the globe once paid Donald Trump to use his name for their projects. But***politics* changed the Trump brand**, and his name came off buildings in Toronto, Vancouver, Panama, New York City and Washington, D.C., reports Dan Alexander. Post-presidency,his trademark still has cachetin at least one part of the world: the Middle East.

The former president received $5.35 million of licensing fees for a golf project in Oman, according to a federal filing that requires candidates to list their income since the start of 2022. He disclosed another $1.5 million in licensing fees from a project in the United Arab Emirates. Two projects generating $6.9 million may not sound like much for a guy worth an estimated $2.5 billion, but it meant a lot to Trump s licensing business, which comprises a small slice of his fortune. In 2021, Trump reported less than $5 million of licensing income on his financial disclosure report.

**Trump Has Trademarks In Iran, Cuba, Venezuela And 84 Other Countries**

Donald Trump has only done big projects in a handful of countries, but he hassought to protect his name and brandon every continent other than Antarctica. The Republican frontrunner has secured roughly**600 trademarks in 87 countries, territories and international bodies**worldwide, including both U.S. allies and adversaries, according to a financial disclosure report released last week, report Kavya Gupta and Kyle Mullins

**Trump Could Be Charged With These Crimes In DOJ Jan. 6 Probe And They All Could Include Prison Time**

Former President Donald Trump has been identified as atarget of the Justice Department s investigationinto January 6 and the aftermath of the 2020 election, he said Tuesday, suggesting**a third indictment against the ex-president**may be imminent, which could bring federal charges for such crimes as conspiracy, obstruction and deprivation of rights and potential prison sentences if he s convicted, reports Alison Durkee.

**Judge Rejects Donald Trump s Request For New Trial In E. Jean Carroll Case**

A federal judge**rejected Donald Trump s motion**for a new trial in theE. Jean Carroll defamation and sexual abuse caseWednesday, months after a jury found the former president liable for sexually abusing and defaming Carroll and ordered him to pay her $5 million in damages, reports Ana Faguy.

**Quiz**

Why didn t TikTok change its SMS provider to fix a problem that sent messages through unsecure channels?

* Doing so was too expensive

1. Doing so was too time-consuming
2. The Chinese government didn t approve of such a switch
3. It didn t understand the problem

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