

Global Messaging Bans: Summary Table

Country / Region	App(s)	Type	Date of Ban / Restriction	Reason / Context
Afghanistan (Taliban gov.)	Facebook, WhatsApp, TikTok	OTT/Messaging	2021–2023	Cultural and political control over communications
China	Telegram, WhatsApp, Signal, Viber, LinkedIn	Messaging/OTT	Various (2015–2021)	Part of Great Firewall policy
Cuba	Zoom	OTT	May 2022 - present	blocked due to U.S. sanctions and OFAC regulations. (U.S.A. government's economic and trade sanctions against Cuba)
Germany	Zoom	OTT	April 2020- present	parts of the German government, including the Foreign Ministry, restricted its use due to security concerns.
India	TikTok, WeChat, others (59 apps)	OTT / Messaging	Jun-20	National security after border conflict
Indonesia	TikTok (temporary)	OTT / Video	Jul-18	Inappropriate content, pornography concerns
Iran	Telegram, WhatsApp, Zoom	Messaging	Multiple since 2018	National security, censorship

Myanmar (military regime)	Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, TikTok	OTT/Messaging	Feb 2021–present	Political unrest, post-coup crackdown
North Korea	Zoom	OTT	2019- present	
Pakistan (Sindh)	Viber, WhatsApp, Skype	Messaging/VoIP	Oct-13	Public safety during anti-terror operations
Russia	Telegram	Messaging	Apr 2018 – Jun 2020	Non-compliance with encryption key laws
Russia	Viber	Messaging/VoIP	Dec-24	Legal violations, failure to remove banned content
Russia	LinkedIn	OTT / Social	Nov-16	Non-compliance with data localisation law
Russia	WhatsApp, Discord, Signal, Microsoft Teams	Messaging	Mar 2023 (state devices)	National security for government infrastructure
Saudi Arabia	Viber, WhatsApp, Skype	VoIP	Jun-13	Surveillance and telecom licensing protection
Syria	Zoom	OTT	2020- present	
Taiwan	Zoom	OTT	April 2020- present	banned Zoom for government agencies
UAE, Egypt, Qatar	Viber, WhatsApp, FaceTime, Skype	VoIP	Various	Indirect VoIP service restrictions
Ukraine	Telegram (official devices)	Messaging	Sep-24	Espionage and data control concerns
Ukraine (occupied) Crimea,	Viber	Messaging/VoIP	Jun-22	Military conflict communications control

Donetsk & Luhansk				
USA	WhatsApp	Messaging	Jun-25	Ban for House of Representatives - Data vulnerabilities and lack of encryption at rest
USA	TikTok	OTT / Video	2022–2025 (state bans)	Data privacy and foreign ownership concerns
Venezuela	Telegram	Messaging	Jan-25	Political control during unrest