

Parler is back on iPhones: Social media app returns to Apple's App Store

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Parler, the social media app removed from iPhones and Android devices in the wake of the Jan. 6 attack on the Capitol, is back on Apple's App Store.

In a statement Monday, Parler announced its app has relaunched on Apple devices, after "months of productive dialogue" with the tech giant.

A separate search of Apple's App Store conducted by U.S. TODAY confirmed the Parler app is now available to download.

As part of the deal to return to the App Store, Parler's iOS app will exclude some content normally allowed on the social media company's platform. However, the content will remain visible through Android and web-based versions of the site.

In its statement, Parler said it "plans to continue its discussions with Apple as to the optimal way to handle this content."

"Parler has and will always be a place where people can engage in the free exchange of ideas in the full spirit of the First Amendment," said Parler interim CEO Mark Meckler in a statement. "The entire Parler team has worked hard to address Apple's concerns without compromising our core mission."

Parler said it has also added algorithms that will automatically detect violent or inciting content.

Parler was yanked from both the App Store and Google Play, for Android users, in January, just days after the attack on the Capitol. Amazon then shut down Parler's web hosting service.

"We have always supported diverse points of view being represented on the App Store, but there is no place on our platform for threats of violence and illegal activity," Apple said in a statement in January.

Last month, Apple confirmed in a letter sent to Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Rep. Ken Buck, R-Colo., the app had been reinstated after Parler

pledged to make significant changes to how it moderates content.

Parler is available on Android but not distributed by Google Play. The Android app is also available on Parler's website.

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