

Brazil's Digital Divide: X Ban, Influencer Tragedies, and Viral Memes of 2024

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1. In August 2024, Brazil's Supreme Court, under Judge Alexandre de Moraes, banned the social media platform X (formerly Twitter). What was the primary reason cited for this ban?

- A) Refusal to block accounts supporting former president Jair Bolsonaro, accused of spreading fake news.**
- B) Non-compliance with new data privacy regulations.
- C) Failure to moderate hate speech targeting political figures.
- D) Musk's public criticism of the Brazilian government's internet policies.

2. In September 2024, two Brazilian influencers tragically drowned after refusing to wear life jackets. What was their stated reason for not wearing the safety equipment?

- A) They believed it would ruin their photos and tanning.**
- B) They claimed the jackets were too uncomfortable.
- C) They were confident swimmers and didn't anticipate trouble.
- D) They were concerned about the jackets hindering their ability to float for a video.

3. Which meme, originating from a popular Brazilian reality TV show, became a significant internet sensation in Brazil in 2024?

- A) 'Calma, calabreso'**
- B) 'Vem pro Brasil'
- C) 'Sextou'
- D) 'Passinho'

4. As of early 2024, what was the primary means of internet access reported by Brazilians, according to digital usage reports?

- A) Mobile telephone**
- B) Personal computer
- C) Television
- D) Tablet

5. In March 2024, a unique Brazilian dance style, originating from Rio de Janeiro's favelas in the 2000s, was officially recognized. What is this dance style called?

- A) Passinho**
- B) Samba de Roda
- C) Frevo
- D) Capoeira

6. In late 2024, a UK-based Brazilian social media commentator faced a criminal investigation in Brazil for alleged 'transphobia' and 'defamation'. What was the basis of the complaint?

- A) A video criticizing the financing and influence of pro-LGBT organizations in Brazil.**
- B) A post about political corruption.
- C) A critique of Brazilian educational policies.
- D) Comments made during a live stream about economic issues.

7. Brazil's Supreme Court declared a part of Article 19 of the Internet Civil Framework unconstitutional in June 2024. What was the original function of this article concerning platform liability?

- A) It stated that platforms could only be held liable for failing to comply with a court order to remove content.**
- B) It limited the government's ability to block social media platforms.
- C) It mandated that platforms actively monitor user-generated content for misinformation.
- D) It established legal protection for anonymous online speech.

8. In 2024, what percentage of the Brazilian population had used the internet in the preceding three months, according to IBGE data?

- A) 89.1%**
- B) 66.3%
- C) 98.8%
- D) 53.5%