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The Pact - May 20, 2025, 2:37 am

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<https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/cwy79j2n7d4o>

RangoWorld - May 20, 2025, 5:55 am

Is Temu even semi popular in the states?

DramaKing - May 20, 2025, 6:03 am

(May 20, 2025 05:55 AM)RangoWorld Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Is Temu even semi popular in the states?

Popular enough to warrant a lawsuit.

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2024/06/shopping-app-temu-is-dangerous-malware-spying-on-your-texts-lawsuit-claims/>

<https://www.cbsnews.com/chicago/news/temu-class-action-lawsuit-illinois-data-privacy-concerns/>

Syndicate - May 20, 2025, 6:05 am

Temu is great and it's very popular here in Canada :)

frooodle - May 20, 2025, 6:33 am

I have bought many stuff from Temu. Specially for etsy market and resell it, it's brilliant.

To be honest what ever plastic we touch it's made in china...nothing against it. Some people love it some don't. Here in UK, it's popular, but loads of people are reluctant to use it.

Mooooookie - May 20, 2025, 7:17 am

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It was certainly over the last few years very popular.

I never personally ordered from Temu but I did use those invite links/click links for people I know to give them the credits or money whatever the hell it was that they earn from that.

But I believe it was really a big data collection situation, I did get a lot of spam calls on my old number which I used, can I confirm it is linked? no but it does raise suspicion to me.

Phantom_NiNja - May 20, 2025, 12:30 pm

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Joel - May 20, 2025, 12:38 pm

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(May 20, 2025 12:38 PM)Lowkey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) NOOOOOOOO FUCK!!!! HOW ELSE AM I GOING TO BUY A \$0.04 CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT WITH DRAGON BALL Z CHARACTERS WEARING SUPREME ON IT?!?!?!?!?!? FFUCK!!

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There are no import taxes on products under £135 though? (Think this is being lowered soon as well, Yippee! ?) So the importer (The customer buying on Temu/Aliexpress/Dhgate/+) pays 0% import tax allowing China to mass peddle cheap shit while avoiding having to pump their prices by 10-35% like I have too, also Chinese people are selling directly from China on Ebay at near material cost because of this making it very VERY hard to compete - This isn't fair nor is it competitive. Your delivery times can be relatively poor and your customer support dogshit if you're nearly 30% cheaper than the competition, I put effort into every part of everything and I see absolutely no reward for my effort.

I am directly competing with China in my home-turf AND THEY GET THE HOME ADVANTAGE? Trump is genuinely doing good by the US in this scenario in my opinion.

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Haha, I agree with you 100% on not purchasing any computer parts from there. While I haven't purchased from Temu, as I mentioned I have experience with Wish and AliExpress.. which are clone companies of Temu. When I was ordering from Wish, I bought a bunch of stuff from them.. a lot of stuff I didn't even need, just bought it because the price was cheap. I had a mixed experience with ordering cables and components like that.. sometimes they would be good, while other times they would come with shorts, or just be of poor quality. I'm choosing to stay away from Temu, to try and avoid going thru that phase of buying things, just to buy things. I was doing that too often with Wish. Had so many packages arriving at my house, and as I said half the stuff I didn't even need. In a few years, Temu will quiet down, and another clone company will come out. This seems to happen every few years.

Pr0m3th3us - May 20, 2025, 9:23 pm

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The Pact - May 20, 2025, 11:41 pm

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You blocked me so you might not read this. I actually don't blame you for blocking me and understand why you got disgusted. All I can say you don't know the circumstances of my life.

That sounds more of a UK problem than a Temu issue? A lot of businesses overseas are avoiding selling to the UK because the UK requires overseas sellers to register for VAT if their sales exceed £85,000, which obviously causes a lot of administrative burdens.

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Omni gave us a detailed way we could protect ourselves when buying Temu, but I got tempted was too lazy to do what Omni said and ugg at least I should have been sensible enough to give them a different email than my main email, but I wasn't and now I get bulk USA spam to my spam folder none of which I could even buy even when it sound good because it's all USA stuff.

HOWEVER I was hating Temu from their ads appearing everywhere online and it creeped me the fuck out and they were obviously picking up on my microphone stuff I said when I had the app on my phone because it was showing me stuff I mentioned like I mentioned this video about Pickleball to my son and it started showing me ads for pickleball. That's creepy as fuck.

HOWEVER the stuff I bought on Temu was all actually really nice. Really nice for a tiny price. They make you spend \$42 US to get two free items but it all ends up being a lot of nice stuff super cheap.

They are clearly using Ai art on the products and some of it is SO beautiful!

I sell Ai art on products, but it's depressing because I can buy on Temu, so much cheaper than I can even buy my own Ai art on products from the company I sell with. It's expensive for me to buy my own Ai art. lol

And the company I sell with has put up fees on me so high that it's now not even worth putting the time in anymore.

I used to make \$60 a month real profit, selling Ai art on products, not a lot of money, but it was so easy and fun to make that money.

But this year then they put fees against what I earn, so I made \$3000 doing that in the past since 2021, but now I only make \$30 every three months because of all the additional fees the people I was working with hit me with in 2025, so now it's kind of a waste of my time. ? It was really fun and I'm scared to put money into doing it another way because I might lose money taking on more risk.

(May 20, 2025 09:23 PM)Rust-0l3um Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Good. It's worthless Chinese trash that's usually a scam anyways. I've never used it. And won't.

I really would have thought that. But the scam is just that they flood your email spam folder with a gazillion ads that never end even when you block the emails they have a thing where the companies spamming you just change their number so you block 65732herpescure.com and then they just blitz you with 75732herpescure.com the 85732herpescure.com etc....? However, the products are not a scam and are really nice and really cheap. The punishment is in your spam folder.

TheNaturalBoy - May 21, 2025, 1:43 am

(May 20, 2025 07:17 AM)Mooooookie Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) While I reside in the US, I've never ordered anything from Temu. I've had my fair share of experiences with companies like this, from ordering from Wish & AliExpress. I had mixed experiences ordering from these places, majority of the stuff is cheap quality.. but occasionally you get an item that is actually decent quality. When Temu came out, I already had enough experiences with those other companies, no need to go down that route again. I'll stick with Amazon.

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TheNaturalBoy - May 22, 2025, 4:16 am

(May 21, 2025 07:33 AM)The Pact Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The products have actually been nice. The catch is they sell your data and your spam folder is endlessly filled

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The Pact - May 22, 2025, 11:51 pm

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The Pact - May 23, 2025, 3:50 am

(May 22, 2025 11:57 PM)Natha Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) That's wild - I use Temu & Aliexpress pretty much monthly to buy anything I need. So much cheaper than any store here.

Yeah, my minimum checkout is \$35.00 NZD (about \$20 USD). Sometimes annoying when you only want one thing but I generally place an order of about \$80-100 when I need things.

To get two free items you need to spend \$70 NZ dollars and you can't go back and search for what you want or you lose the two free items you can only choose from the stuff on the page after you get offered two free items. This has led to be getting stuff that wasn't my favourite but was the closest to it.

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I know. I can't help but think a lot of Americans are going to be really disappointed that they can't get Temu prices anymore on anything.

TheNaturalBoy - May 24, 2025, 9:47 am

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No, bro, I live in Mexico, and while it's not as expensive as the US, it is for our own population. Apparently, people here like to go into debt with those types of online products, like Temu, Shein, and AliExpress. It would be interesting to shop at those stores, but right now I just want to keep looking for jobs so I can eat in the future. :3

Omniscient - May 24, 2025, 10:48 am

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I don't live in the USA anymore, so I guess it might be different here, but I was able to buy things off Temu for \$3.20 that cost about \$19 here. But I very much don't want Amazon to be hurt because I sell some things on Amazon, so I am glad it will help Amazon, although Amazon also will lose some money for the same reasons. And no I don't sell Chinese crap on Amazon with Amazon FBA. I do something else with Amazon. I just felt a bit sorry for some people, but I do see the potential for some good as well I'm not being closed minded about it.

Prepper - May 25, 2025, 1:02 pm

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Being a delivery drive for UPS, USPS, Fedex, Amazon is one hell of a job, especially during the hot and cold months and even worse if you live in my area towards Appalachia where it is very hilly having to walk the hills in small towns.

There is many reports of heat strokes and heat related illness, it is not safe at all for people 50+ in my opinion unless they are very healthy and athletic.

Amazon does better to an extent though because their vans have both heat and AC at least in the cities where they adopted the electric vans.

As for Temu I don't use them, I did do the invite links for friends and family which gives them money or whatever but I never personally ordered and never will. I have no problem with companies like Temu who are literal online marketplaces competing with Amazon, Ebay, etc no longer doing business in the USA because they do not employ American workers directly at all.

I however think small American businesses who order bulk/wholesale from China or other countries do not deserve to be targeted with tariffs and I will hold firm on that belief of blanket tariffs being a terrible idea.

toast e - May 25, 2025, 1:05 pm

Oh no, how am i gonna buy the new iFruit Wind Pods?

devnullops - May 25, 2025, 1:49 pm

Great, now where we get bags of 100 auto-sears?

The Pact - September 28, 2025, 9:31 am

The quality really isn't bad on many items. Some things I've been disappointed but a lot of others I've been really pleased. All the glasses chains I bought off ebay broke most were from China anyway but the Temu ones don't break and are so much prettier and they just haven't broken. They look awesome. All kinds of cheap nice hats, nice tea towels, nice socks, nice apron and oven mit. Just about everything is polyester though.