

# **Elon Musk Is Faking DOGE Results to Hide His Incompetence**

**Elon Musk's supposed savings aren't entirely correct.**

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Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency may be trying to inflate the numbers of its spending cuts.

DOGE published an itemized list of canceled government contracts Monday accounting for an alleged \$16 billion in spending. Almost half of those savings were attributed to a hefty \$8 billion contract for D&G Support Services to provide "program and technical support services" to the Office of Diversity and Civil Rights at the the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

There was just one problem: The DOGE website included a screenshot of the award, which showed that it was only worth \$8 million, not \$8 billion, as was the amount listed directly below the image.

*The New York Times* reported on the discrepancy Tuesday, and determined that the original contract—which started September 30, 2022—had initially been listed at a value of \$8 billion in the Federal Procurement Data System. On January 22, 2025, the number was updated to \$8 million. The contract said it had been signed January 30, 2025, and terminated the same day.

Now, it looks like DOGE is trying desperately to cover the mistake.

A visit to DOGE's wall of receipts reflected the award's actual \$8 million value, but when clicking through to the D&G contract, a familiar inflated number appeared: \$8 billion, plus a different signing date and a termination date pushed up to 2027. DOGE had linked to the original inaccurate contract, which supports its claim of massive savings. Meanwhile, its list reflects the accurate price.

In a statement to MeidasTouch, D&G Support Services “acknowledges that the previously reported contract value of \$8 billion was incorrect.”

“The discrepancy appears to have resulted from a clerical error in the original government filing upon contract award. The contract value had a ceiling of \$8 million,” the statement said.

To add insult to injury, [USASpending.com](#) revealed that of that ceiling, only \$2.5 had actually been spent, meaning that DOGE’s savings weren’t even \$8 million, but more like \$5.5 million.

The DOGE website boasted a total of \$55 billion in cuts, which remained unchanged between Tuesday and Wednesday, despite the correction to DOGE’s accounting. It’s unclear how many more errors reside in DOGE’s buggy list of savings.

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## **Trump Slams Lindsey Graham Budget Bill, Setting Off Chaotic Fight**

**Donald Trump felt his goals weren't represented in Graham's bill.**

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Lawmakers were taken aback Wednesday by the president's clear stance on budget negotiations, seemingly shocked that Donald Trump had endorsed a House GOP bill that prioritizes his agenda over the Senate's alternative resolution.

In a post on Truth Social, Donald Trump directly called out Senate Budget Committee Chair Lindsey Graham for daring to tackle the president's ambitious 2017 tax plan extension in a separate bill.

“The House and Senate are doing a SPECTACULAR job of working together as one unified, and unbeatable, TEAM, however, unlike the Lindsey Graham version of the very important Legislation currently being discussed, the House Resolution implements my FULL America First Agenda, EVERYTHING, not just parts of it!” Trump posted.

“We need both Chambers to pass the House Budget to ‘kickstart’ the Reconciliation process, and move

all of our priorities to the concept of, 'ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL.'"

"It will, without question, MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN!" he added.

With the House in recess, Senate Republican leadership took the lead on drafting a potential salve—though it was apparently slimmer than Trump had hoped.

Conservatives are looking to cut approximately \$2 trillion from entitlement programs, with Medicaid expected to take the biggest hit.

Graham's measure consists of approximately \$325 billion to fund the border and advance Trump's deportation plans, as well as money to bolster defense and energy spending. Senate Republicans had opted to use a second reconciliation bill to extend Trump's tax plan, which overwhelmingly benefits corporations and is projected to add as much as \$15 trillion to the national deficit.

Trump has leaned into tariffs as a key component of affording an extension to the tax plan.

The Senate had teed up a vote on their resolution for later this week. Vice President JD Vance is scheduled to have lunch with Senate Republicans later Wednesday to “ease the tension,” reported NOTUS.

Still, Republicans—including some of Trump’s MAGA allies—were not expecting the president to bluster against their efforts.

“As they say, did not see that one coming,” Senator John Thune told Notus.