

Elon Musk's Biographer Calls Him a Sociopath After Auschwitz Photo-Op

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[Elon Musk](#)'s biographer called him a "sociopath" after the [MAGA](#) billionaire's 2024 visit to the Auschwitz death camp was dismissed by someone else at the event as nothing more than a "photo-op."

Musk, who has emerged as one of [Donald Trump](#)'s top allies, has faced renewed allegations of antisemitism since he [made an evocative gesture](#) while speaking after the new president's inauguration. Some said the gesture bore an uncanny resemblance to a Nazi salute.

The X owner's visit to Auschwitz in January 2024 has been used as a point in his defense, and Musk has dismissed the Nazi comparison as "[pure propaganda](#)" (yet decided to take the opportunity [to joke about Nazis](#) on X).

On Wednesday, though, the partner of Gidon Lev, the 89-year-old Holocaust survivor who was the guest of honor at Musk's [much-publicized visit to the death camp](#), shared a scathing perspective on the event.

Elon Musk visits Auschwitz-Birkenau with European Jewish Association (EJA) Chairman Rabbi Menachem Margolin, Ben Shapiro, and Holocaust survivor Gidon Lev in Oswiecim, Poland. / Yoav Dudkevitch/European Jewish Association via Reuters

"I chatted with Elon Musk. I spent hours with him and walked with him through Auschwitz. I stood with him, looking at the nauseating heaps of hair, luggage, and shoes flooded with violet light meant to preserve it," Julie Gray wrote on Facebook.

"Is Musk an antisemite?" she continued. "People, actually, it's worse—he doesn't care whatsoever... He was unmoved by the experience."

Her criticism was unsparing.

"Elon did not care. He was about his press junket and his bodyguards. I was ten feet from him as he posed for the cameras of his entourage," she wrote. "He was utterly detached. He cared about how he looked. When he placed a wreath at Auschwitz and Gidon was overlooked, he walked away with the cameras whirring. This is Elon Musk. A sociopath, if ever there was one. To deduce, from this visit, that he is a friend of the Jews is desperately naive."

Seth Abramson, an award-winning writer who identifies himself as a biographer of Musk, took to X to share Gray's story and agree with her assessment.

“This is absolutely chilling,” he [wrote](#) on Thursday. “He truly is a sociopath.”

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He truly is a sociopath. pic.twitter.com/vDX7evwOXP

— Seth Abramson (@SethAbramson) [January 23, 2025](#)

Representatives for Musk did not immediately respond to the Daily Beast’s request for comment.