

Elon Musk's Kid Keeps Saying Weird Stuff About Trump

Little X appeared to tell Trump "shush your mouth" in the Oval Office.

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White House staff secretary Will Scharf (left), Elon Musk and his child X, and Donald Trump in the Oval Office on Feb 11, 2025. Photo: Flickr / White House

When Elon Musk appeared in the Oval Office of the White House next to President Donald Trump on Tuesday, everyone's eyes were naturally focused on the absolutely [bonkers things](#) coming out of their mouths. But after a couple of days, social media users have started to fixate on the short human who was doing some very odd things.

In a [video clip that's gone viral](#), Musk's 4-year-old child named X Æ A-Xii, often shorted to just X, appears to tell President Trump, "I want you to shush your mouth." Trump appears to listen to X as he's saying it but then looks back at the senior Musk, who's been talking the whole time.

He is all of us. pic.twitter.com/g1dCyBy8u9

— The Seneca Project (@senecaprojectus) [February 12, 2025](#)

The young kid said other things that were more difficult to make out but certainly sounded odd. At one point, for instance, little X sounds like he's saying "you're not the president and you need to go away." It's less clear than his "shush" comment, but it really [does sound](#) like that's what he saying. And plenty of people online think they heard it too.



Grimes, the child's mother, was alerted to X's appearance in the Oval Office on social media. And she didn't seem terribly pleased.

"He should not be in public like this," Grimes [wrote on X](#). "I did not see this, thank u for alerting me. But I'm glad he was polite. Sigh."

Musk has been bringing his child to many official events since the fall when the two were on Capitol Hill to meet with Republican lawmakers. And Musk brought X to an interview with Tucker Carlson in

early November where the [kid said](#) “they’ll never know” twice when the former Fox News host asked whether Donald Trump would win the election.



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What did X mean by “they’ll never know?” A number of people online think it’s just X repeating something he heard his father say in reference to stealing the election. There are many conspiracy theories that Musk altered vote tallies in some way, but there’s never been any reputable evidence presented for this theory.

X is one of at least a dozen kids that Musk has that we’re aware of, and it’s not clear why he only seems to bring this one child everywhere. As the news outlet [The 19th](#) pointed out, by bringing his kid with him to “work,” Musk is actually benefiting from a privilege not afforded to most women in a position of authority at a company or holding office.

“On the one hand we could celebrate the display of parenthood in the Oval Office as placing value on a political official’s whole self, including their caregiver role, instead of assuming that role prevents them from most effectively doing their public sphere job,” Kelly Dittmar, director of research at the Center for American Women and Politics, told the 19th. “But on the other hand, we need to consider how this display of parenthood would be received if it were a woman political official holding her child while speaking to [the] press.”

And that’s not even to get started on the fact that Musk is ordering federal workers back to the office who wouldn’t be able to bring their kids, and illegally trying to fire hundreds of thousands more.

It’s unclear why X is saying the things that he is. The kid is four and kids say weird things all the time. But he’s saying them frequently enough that it’s becoming notable. Nobody chooses their parents, and whatever you think of Musk, you can’t fault a kid with no autonomy who’s being dragged in front of TV cameras so frequently. But in some ways, X is a reflection of Musk—what he believes in and perhaps most importantly what he’s potentially saying behind closed doors.

And if Musk saying degrading things about President Trump, or, somehow suggesting that he got away with something during the 2024 election, we have to listen to his little kid. Because the stakes for the U.S. couldn't be higher right now. It hasn't even been a month since Trump was inaugurated. The same day, it should be noted, that Musk did those two [Nazi-style salutes](#) right in public.

State Department Removes Tesla's Name From Planned \$400M Contract Amid Musk Scrutiny

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The State Department was planning to buy \$400 million worth of “Armored Tesla” later this year, according to its 2025 procurement forecast, a document outlining projections of anticipated contracts, which was published in December. But after reports emerged on Wednesday of the potential for conflict of interest given Tesla CEO [Elon Musk's prominent role in the Trump Administration](#), the document was updated, removing mention of Tesla and changing the line item to “Armored Electric Vehicles” instead.

As of late Wednesday, both versions of the 2025 procurement forecast remained available on different State Department webpages. The [earlier version](#) that mentions Tesla also lists the planned procurement under NAICS Code 311999, an industry code for miscellaneous food manufacturing, while the [newer version](#), which says it was modified at 9:12 p.m., Feb. 12, lists the revised “Armored Electric Vehicles” procurement under NAICS Code 561613 for “Armored Car Services.” No other changes were made in the document, which contains 319 other line items.

The State Department [website](#) says it issues annual procurement forecasts pursuant to the Business Opportunity Development Reform Act of 1988, which “requires agencies to compile and make available projections of contracting opportunities small and small disadvantaged firms may be able to perform.” It is meant to give “small businesses, small disadvantaged businesses, women-owned small businesses, HUBZone small businesses, and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses” opportunities to compete for direct contracts with the government or subcontracting opportunities.

In response to questions about the change and whether Tesla remains the intended awardee for a contract that is anticipated, according to the procurement forecast, to be awarded on Sept. 30,

a State Department official tells TIME that no government contract has been awarded to Tesla or any other vehicle manufacturer to produce armored electric vehicles for the Department, but the previous administration did ask the Department to explore interest from private companies to produce armored electric vehicles. The Department then did a public Request for Information, the official said, for an armored electric vehicle to solicit interest and received interest from only one company at that time. As a next step in that process, an official solicitation would be sent out to vehicle manufacturers to bid, the official said, but the solicitation is on hold and there are no current plans to issue it.

Tesla has not responded to a request for comment.

“I’m pretty sure Tesla isn’t getting \$400M. No one mentioned it to me, at least,” Musk [posted on X](#), the social media platform he also owns, early Thursday.

Musk, who leads the new Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) that has begun to wield influence across a number of agencies’ budgets and who also owns and runs multiple companies that have significant interests in federal regulations and government contracts, including Tesla and SpaceX, responded to questions about potential for conflicts of interest on Tuesday during an appearance at the White House, insisting that DOGE is transparent about its actions. “Transparency is what builds trust,” he said, citing DOGE’s account on X. “You can see: Am I doing something that benefits one of my companies or not? ... I fully expect to be scrutinized.”

Trump suggested there would be some oversight of Musk: “If we thought there was a lack of transparency or a conflict of interest,” he said Tuesday in the Oval Office beside Musk, “we would not let him do that segment or look in that area.” However, White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt previously suggested that the President is OK with Musk self-policing, saying: “If Elon Musk comes across a conflict of interest with the contracts and the funding that DOGE is overseeing, then Elon will excuse himself from those contracts.”

[Drop Site](#) first reported on Tesla appearing in the State Department’s 2025 procurement forecast, while [Bloomberg](#) first reported on the updated forecast.

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