

MUSK ADMITS HE LIED ABOUT DOGE JUST TO GET TRUMP ELECTED

Now, lying Elon Musk doesn't think he can reach his goal of cutting \$2 trillion from the U.S. budget.

The **Tesla** and **SpaceX** boss backtracked on Wednesday his previous projection of how much he could save the U.S. in his new role as co-head of **Donald Trump's** Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE).

Now, Musk says he thinks aiming for half that goal at \$1 trillion would be more realistic – a big reversal from his vow just two months ago to save 'at least \$2 trillion' during a speech at Trump's Madison Square Garden rally.

'I think we'll try for \$2 trillion. I think that's the best-case outcome,' Musk reiterated in an interview on X with political strategist Mark Penn.

'But I do think that you kind of have to have some overage,' he added. 'I think if we try for \$2 trillion [in cuts], we've got a good shot at getting one [trillion].'

This admission won't come as a shock to many who felt the original goal wasm at a minimum, a bit ambitious.

'It would be very difficult to [save \$2 trillion] without cutting national security,' House Appropriations Committee member Rep. Steve Womack (R-Ar.) told CNBC in December.

Experts say getting close to the previous goal would require that DOGE look at mandatory spending programs like Medicaid.



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Elon Musk admitted on Wednesday that his previous goal of slashing \$2 trillion for the federal government's budget is ambitious and instead claimed there's a 'good shot' at cutting half that



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Musk is co-leading Donald Trump's Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The billionaire Tesla and SpaceX boss has been inseparable from Trump since Election Night in November



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Musk is **co-leading DOGE's budget-slashing efforts** with former Republican presidential candidate Vivek Ramaswamy, a millionaire biotech entrepreneur. Congress decides the amount of the federal government's total discretionary spending each year. The previous approval was at \$1.7 trillion for the year, half of which was allocated to U.S. defense.

Musk did not say on Wednesday where the cuts will come from, but he has proposed in the past some areas he sees that are ripe for savings – like initiatives for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) efforts as well as aid and funding packages for foreign nations.

The X CEO insisted that government spending is 'a very target-rich environment for saving money.'

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'It's like being in a room full of targets. You could close your eyes, and you can't miss,' he chuckled.

The DOGE advisory body that Trump created with a deadline of July 4, 2026 aims to **slash government waste** and regulations and lower American taxpayers' burden.



In the past, Musk has admitted that some of the cuts would cause 'hardship' for some Americans. This is likely in reference to the fact that cutting spending would likely result in the abolition of some federal workforce jobs.