

From Seattle to Miami, anti-Musk protesters gather at hundreds of Tesla locations



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LOS ANGELES — Tesla facilities worldwide have been the target of protests objecting to Tesla CEO Elon Musk's influential role in the Trump administration. On Saturday, anti-Musk protesters gathered again in what were their most ambitious and widespread rallies yet.

As part of the "Tesla Takedown" campaign, nonviolent demonstrations took place across the U.S. and even abroad on Saturday. Organizers called it a "global day of action" and said protests occurred in at least 253 cities around the world.

For weeks, the movement's organizers have been encouraging people to boycott the EV maker by selling their Tesla cars and stocks. According to Tesla Takedown, thousands of grassroots groups and individuals worldwide are driving the decentralized effort.

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"I want to do everything possible to protect democracy in this country," he said. "Trump and Musk are acting like kings."

Ansell added that he was especially excited to participate, seeing how far and wide the protest movement had spread.

Many people at the Los Angeles rally voiced deep concern over the devastating effect that the Trump administration's cuts and proposed changes could have on [Social Security](#).

Francine Coeytaux, 72, who also attended the LA protest, said she showed up because she has a 37-year-old daughter with special needs who relies on Social Security benefits.



Musk shame on you. We deserve a future too," according to a [video on Facebook](#).

How the Tesla Takedown movement began

Organizers say the Tesla Takedown movement is fueled by anger over [Musk's slashing of the federal government](#), and that it aims to hit the billionaire where it hurts — the electric vehicle company that's become his main source of wealth.

Joel Lava, who has been helping lead Tesla Takedown protests in Los Angeles, says Musk's work to dismantle government agencies and workforce through the unofficially named DOGE initiative is the primary motivator for the movement's members.



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and shares can be pinned on its CEO's actions. Tesla has been losing market share to EV competitors for years. And the stock price has fallen in anticipation of auto tariffs. But the Trump administration's recently announced 25% import tariffs on cars made outside the U.S. could give the stock a welcome

boost; [auto industry analysts say](#) that among domestic carmakers, Tesla will be the least impacted by the tariffs.



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said. "If suddenly Musk becomes just another boring, low-end billionaire, Trump will dump him too, and that will also show the power we have as people to effect change."

