

TRUMP MUSK FEUD GOES NUCLEAR

Trump 'Disappointed' Over Musk's Break With Admin Over 'Big Beautiful Bill'

Musk Gets Defensive: 'Such Ingratitude'

President **Donald Trump** asserted that he asked **Elon Musk** to leave his administration and said the billionaire went 'CRAZY!' amid their spectacular falling out on Thursday. In the past few days, Musk has grown increasingly critical of the 'big, beautiful bill' Republicans are trying to pass through **Congress** - arguing it reversed his work with DOGE - but on Thursday, he took aim at Trump himself.

Trump took to Truth Social Thursday afternoon after first criticizing Musk in the Oval Office.

'Elon was "wearing thin," I asked him to leave, I took away his EV Mandate that forced everyone to buy Electric Cars that nobody else wanted (that he knew for months I was going to do!), and he just went CRAZY!' Trump wrote.

The president then threatened to pull **SpaceX** and Tesla's government contracts. 'The easiest way to save money in our Budget, Billions and Billions of Dollars, is to terminate Elon's Governmental Subsidies and Contracts. I was always surprised that

Biden didn't do it!' Trump wrote.

Musk then taunted Trump to act.

'This just gets better and better,' he wrote. 'Go ahead, make my day ...'

President Donald Trump (left) and Elon Musk (right) took their spectacular spat online Thursday after Trump was asked in the Oval Office about Musk's recent criticism of Republicans' 'big, beautiful bill'



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Trump's swipes came after Musk said the Republican would have lost the 2024 election had it not been for the world's richest man's help.

'Without me, Trump would have lost the election, Dems would control the House and the Republicans would be 51-49 in the Senate,' Musk claimed. 'Such ingratitude,' the billionaire added on X.

Musk had publicly endorsed Trump on the heels of the July 13th assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania and poured \$290 million of his fortune on the Republican's campaign.

The billionaire also joined Trump on the campaign trail when he returned to the site of the Butler shooting in early October, a month before Election Day.

Trump said he likely still would have won the key state of Pennsylvania without Musk's assistance, partly because **Kamala Harris** didn't choose the state's governor, Josh Shapiro, to be her running mate.

Even with Shapiro on the Democratic ticket, Trump claimed, 'I would have won Pennsylvania, I would have won by a lot.'

Musk said that was laughable.

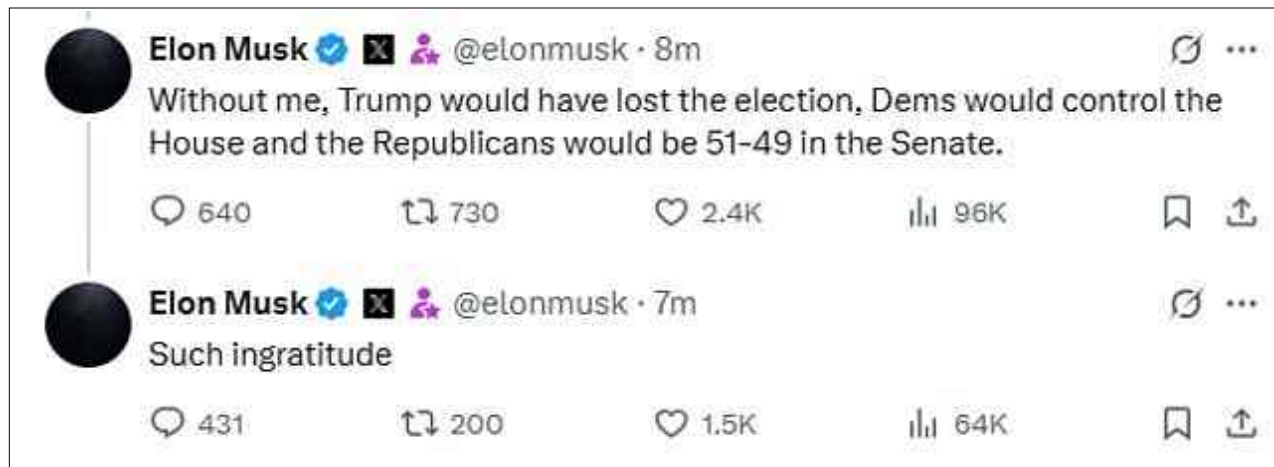
During the transition, Trump announced that Musk would run the newly created Department of Government Efficiency or 'DOGE,' allowing the businessman to take a chainsaw to alleged waste, fraud and abuse.



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President Donald Trump floated that his bromance with Elon Musk was over after the former 'first buddy' went on a social media tear over the Republicans' 'big beautiful bill.' 'Elon and I had a great relationship. I don't know if we will any more,' Trump said in the Oval on Thursday



Elon Musk objected to President Donald Trump's claim that Trump would have won Pennsylvania - and the 2024 election - without the help from the world's richest man. 'Such ingratitude,' Musk commented

Those efforts didn't play well with the American public, with Musk formally out last week.

Now the 53-year-old South African-born billionaire is asserting that he has more staying power in U.S. politics than the 78-year-old president.

'Oh and some food for thought as they ponder this question: Trump has 3.5 years left as President, but I will be around for 40+ years,' Musk said Thursday afternoon, responding to a post from MAGA agitator Laura Loomer.

Loomer said she was reporting from Capitol Hill and that Republican lawmakers were trying to determine if it was better to side with Trump or Musk.

Musk's latest online assault of Trump came moments after the president went on a tirade about the billionaire while hosting German Chancellor Friedrich Merz in the Oval Office.

'Elon and I had a great relationship. I don't know if we will any more, I was surprised,' Trump said.

The president suggested that Musk was angry - not over the bill ballooning the deficit - but because the Trump administration has pulled back on electric vehicle mandates, which negatively impacted **Tesla**.

He also indicated that there was a problem when he rejected Musk's preferred nominee to lead **NASA** because his choice was a Democrat.

'And you know, Elon's upset because we took the EV mandate, which was a lot of money for electric vehicles, and they're having a hard time the electric vehicles and they want us to pay billions of dollars in subsidy,' Trump said. 'I know that disturbed him.'

Shares of Tesla dipped 8 percent amid the spat.

Over the weekend, Trump pulled the nomination of Jared Isaacman to lead NASA. Isaacman had worked alongside Musk at SpaceX.

'He recommended somebody that I guess he knew very well, I'm sure he respected him, to run NASA and I didn't think it was appropriate and he happened to be a Democrat, like totally Democrat,' Trump continued. 'We won, we get certain privileges and one of the privileges is we don't have to appoint a Democrat.'



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While President Donald Trump was addressing Elon Musk's recent wave of criticism of the Republicans' 'big, beautiful bill' Musk took to X, telling the president 'whatever' and doubling down that his issue with the legislation is the amount of 'DISGUSTING PORK' it contains

Musk posted to X repeatedly as Trump's press conference was going on.

'Whatever,' the billionaire wrote, as he continued to criticize what Trump has called his 'big, beautiful' spending bill.

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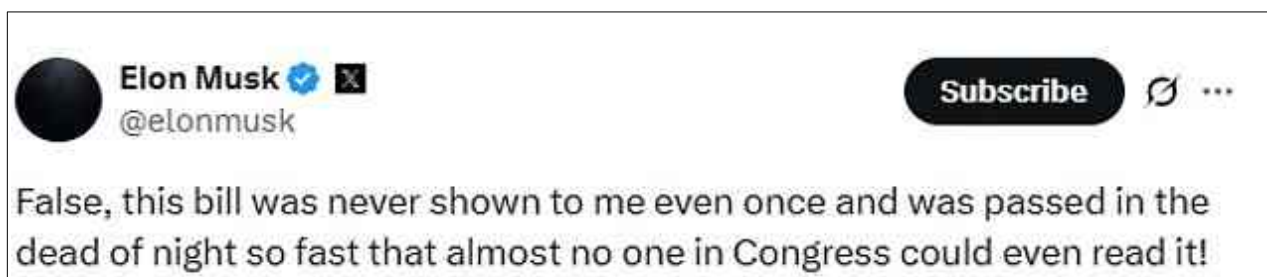
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In the Oval Office, Trump insisted that Musk knew the contents of the bill before the House passed it. Trump is now pushing Republican senators to back it so he can sign it before the July 4 holiday.

'He became a little bit different. I can understand that. But he knew every aspect of this bill. He knew it better than almost anybody, and he never had a problem until right after he left,' Trump protested.

Musk immediately pushed back on X - sharing the clip of Trump's comments.

'False, this bill was never shown to me even once and was passed in the dead of night so fast that almost no one in Congress could even read it!' Musk said.



Almost immediately after President Donald Trump claimed that Elon Musk 'knew every aspect of this bill' Musk responded that that was 'false' and the bill was never shown to the former DOGE leader



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Less than a week ago, Elon Musk (left) was standing alongside President Donald Trump (right) in the Oval Office to mark his DOGE service ending. Trump noted that he had given Musk a 'wonderful send-off.'

At the top of Musk's X profile on Thursday, the billionaire had pinned a tweet that said 'Wise words,' highlighting a Trump tweet from 2013 that said, 'I cannot believe the Republicans are extending the debt ceiling—I am a Republican & I am embarrassed!'

Trump noted that until recently Musk had 'said the most beautiful things about me.'

In the Oval Office, Trump pointed out that the battle with Musk had yet to turn personal.

'And he hasn't said bad about me personally, but I'm sure that will be next,' Trump said.

He went on: 'I'm very disappointed in Elon. I've helped Elon a lot.'

Trump suggested Musk was disappointed by life outside the White House.

'I think he got out there and all of the sudden he wasn't in this beautiful office,' Trump said.

Trump said Musk's about-face represented a greater trend.

'People leave my administration and they love us and then, at some point, they miss it so badly. And some of them embrace it and some of them actually become hostile. I don't know what it is, it's sort of Trump Derangement Syndrome, I guess they call it,' the president said.

'They leave, they wake up in the morning and the glamour is gone, the whole world is different and they become hostile.'

The president's comments come less than a week after he feted Musk in the Oval Office, giving him an official farewell as the billionaire moved out of special government employee status and back into the private sector.

Trump noted that he had given Musk a 'wonderful send-off' on Friday before he headed to Pittsburgh to tout a steel deal between Nippon and U.S. Steel.

'Remember, he was here for a long time. You saw a man who was very happy. He stood behind the Oval desk. Even with a black eye,' Trump said.

'I said, "do you want a little makeup?" And he said, "No I don't think so," which was interesting.'

'And very nice,' Trump added. 'He wants to be who he is,' the president shrugged.