

# Elon Musk Immediately Calls for Judges to Be Impeached After Rulings Overturn DOGE Firings

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[Elon Musk](#) threw a tantrum after his [Department of Government Efficiency](#) (DOGE) was dealt a series of legal setbacks, immediately calling for the impeachment of federal judges.

“Without judicial reform, which means at least the absolute worst judges get impeached, we don’t have real democracy in America,” Musk said on X.

He reacted after federal agencies were ordered on Thursday to immediately reinstate tens of thousands of federal workers with probationary status who had been laid off by DOGE as part of its sweeping government cost-cutting efforts, dealing a blow to Musk, as he seeks to eventually reduce the deficit by \$1 trillion.

Musk has been on a mission since President [Donald Trump](#) returned to the White House to overhaul the federal workforce, and has claimed to have slashed tens of billions in wasteful spending so far—partly by firing thousands of federal workers across multiple agencies.

A multistate lawsuit had accused the federal government of unlawfully firing tens of thousands of probationary employees and claimed the terminations occurred without transparency, placing excessive strain on state unemployment support systems and causing economic damage.

In response, an order by Judge James Bredar of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland—which expires March 27—requires that 18 federal agencies must offer jobs back to the probationary workers affected since Trump took office. They have until 1 p.m. Monday to rehire their terminated employees, *The Washington Post* [reported](#).

Earlier on Thursday in California, federal Judge William H. Alsup ruled that laid off probationary hires at the Department of Defense, Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Agriculture, Department of Energy, Department of the Interior, and the Department of the Treasury must be rehired.

“It is a sad day when our government would fire some good employee and say it was based on performance when they know good and well that’s a lie,” Alsup said during a court hearing Thursday.

He said the government was clearly hiding something after it refused to let Chad Ezell, the head of the Office of Personnel Management, testify in the case.

“That’s a sham,” he said before handing down his ruling.

DOGE has claimed to have [slashed \\$115 billion](#) in wasteful spending since Jan. 20, through a combination of asset sales, contract/lease cancellations and renegotiations, fraud and improper payment deletion, grant cancellations, interest savings, programmatic changes, regulatory savings, and workforce reductions.

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Tech billionaire Musk and the Trump administration have been on a campaign to discredit federal judges who stand in the way of DOGE’s cost-cutting quest, Reuters [reported](#) on March 6, citing several judges with knowledge of the matter.

The news agency noted that since the end of January, Musk has lashed out at judges in more than 30 posts on X, calling them “corrupt,” “radical,” and “evil,” after they dealt DOGE legal blows.

Some federal judges who spoke with Reuters said they have concerns over their safety in light of Musk’s social media threats.

## **Multiple Teslas Set On Fire in Germany**

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Trump Says He Will Label Violence Against Tesla Domestic Terrorism

By [Theo Burman](#)

Several Tesla vehicles were set on fire in Germany on Friday, as protests against [Elon Musk's](#) car company continue across the world.

German police said that [four vehicles were set ablaze](#) in the Plänterwald and Steglitz neighborhoods of Berlin, and that political motives could not be ruled out.

### **Why It Matters**

Tesla sites have been targeted by protesters around the world following Musk's appointment as head of the Department of Government Efficiency in President Donald Trump's administration.

The electric car company has also faced a waning stock price in recent weeks, with many attributing the decline to Musk's close association with Trump.



A burnt-out Tesla in Berlin's Steglitz neighborhood on Friday morning. A total of four Tesla vehicles were set ablaze overnight in Berlin. Christophe Gateau/picture-alliance/dpa/AP

## What To Know

The first car fire was reported at 1.40 a.m. local time, with the subsequent car fires being reported throughout the night.

German police said that no one was injured in the fires, but that all four vehicles were left entirely unusable. Five other vehicles near the fires were also slightly damaged.

Berlin police said that a "political motive" could not be ruled out, and that the State Security Division of the Berlin State Criminal Police Office had taken over the investigation. The unit investigates threats to the state, including terrorism, extremism, and organized crime.

Germany has seen a number of anti-Musk protests in the wake of his [endorsement of the far-right AfD party](#) ahead of the country's general election in February, many of them targeting Tesla factories. An image of Musk making a controversial salute following Trump's inauguration was projected onto Tesla's Gigafactory in Berlin in January. The display featured Musk's gesture [alongside the words "Heil Tesla."](#)

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## What People Are Saying

**Berlin Police** said in a report on the fires: "As yet unknown perpetrators set fire to a total of four Tesla electric cars in Plänterwald and Steglitz last night.

"No one was injured, and firefighters extinguished the fires. Since a political motive cannot be ruled out, the State Security Division of the Berlin State Criminal Police Office has taken over the ongoing investigation."

## What Happens Next

German authorities will continue to investigate the fires. A motive for the incident has not yet been confirmed, and there are so suspects at present.