Elon Musk Whines That Everyone Is Being Mean to Him

Elon Musk truly doesn't understand why people hate his guts.

The world's richest man thinks it's unfair that people aren't as interested in his products due to his far-right political views.

Elon Musk took to the social media platform he owns Monday night to vent about his alleged mistreatment.

"My companies make great products that people love and I've never physically hurt anyone," Musk <u>posted</u>. "So why the hate and violence against me?"

But Musk had his own answer in mind.

"Because I am a deadly threat to the woke mind parasite and the humans it controls," the *Sieg heil!*–waving billionaire wrote.

Tesla shares continued to tumble on Monday as one of its Chinese competitors, BYD, <u>unveiled</u> a system that could charge electric vehicles for a range of 249 miles in just five minutes.

Tesla comprises the majority of Musk's net worth—but the carmaker's ongoing eightweek slump is largely due to a global brand boycott.

Company stock is down by 50 percent so far this year, and analysts have faulted Musk's reputational shift for the automaker's financial woes.

Tesla historically attracted a more liberal consumer base with its electric vehicles, but since Musk went "dark MAGA," that same base has soured on the tech billionaire and his products. That's proven especially true in some of Europe's stronger economies, such as Germany, which has seen sales in the country fall by more than 70 percent over the last two months, reported <u>Bloomberg</u>. Sales in China—where Tesla has <u>two major factories</u>—have similarly plummeted, falling by 49 percent in February.

Last week, the automaker's stock had its <u>worst</u> day since 2020, as its Musk-induced problems coincided with historic market volatility under Donald Trump's new tariff plans.

Board members, executives, and major investors in Tesla are jumping ship. Four top officers at the company have unloaded more than \$100 million in stock since last month, reported <u>ABC News</u>. They include James Murdoch, the estranged son of right-wing media magnate Rupert Murdoch, and Elon Musk's brother Kimbal Musk, the latter of whom shed \$27 million, according to an <u>SEC filing</u>.

Even Tesla bulls are slowing down on the electric car manufacturer. Mizuho Securities managing director and senior analyst Vijay Rakesh cut his firm's price target for Tesla by \$85 per share, according to <u>Barron's</u>. In a statement, Rakesh pointed to Musk's polarizing persona and his influence in "geopolitics" as two reasons for the downturn.

"We believe Tesla's sales woes are the result of a deterioration in geopolitics, brand perception (US/EU), share loss due to stronger competition (China), and softer-than-expected demand for the Model Y refresh," wrote the analyst.

But despite Musk's insistence on playing the victim, the multibillionaire still has the

president on his side: Defying federal regulations, Trump used the White House last week as a backdrop for what was practically a Tesla commercial.

Several Tesla vehicles were parked in the White House driveway as Trump, joined by Musk and his son, <u>answered</u> reporters' questions about his sudden affinity for the electric vehicle.