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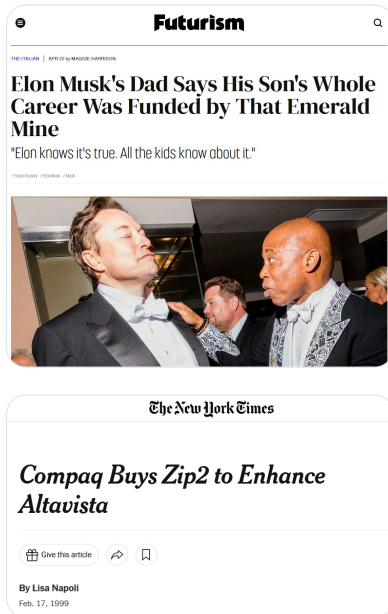
In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce an American businessman and social media figure, Elon Musk (@elonmusk). He's best-known for being the wealthiest man in the world, running companies like Tesla Inc., SpaceX and Twitter, and for parroting Kremlin's propaganda narratives.

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Musk was born in South Africa to a wealthy family. His father co-owned an emerald mine in Zambia, and he also invested in some of Elon's early business ventures in mid 90's. The company, Zip2, was later in 1999 sold to Compaq for 307 million USD.

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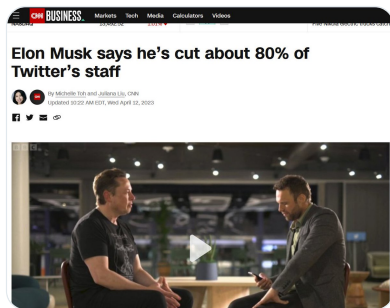
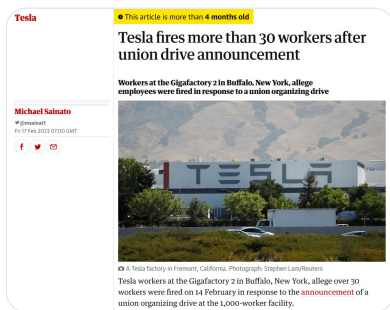
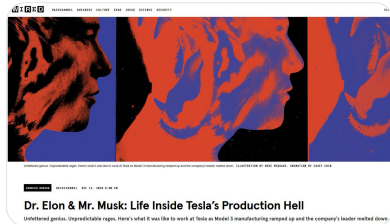


In 1999 Musk co-founded ,an online financial services that merged with an online bank & eventually became PayPal. The company's key figures were referred to as the "PayPal Mafia" & included people like the anti-woke crusaders Peter Thiel & @davidsacks.  
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Musk's various business ventures have made him the richest man in the world. He demands a lot from his employees, expecting them to work for long hours, often removing the possibility of working remotely. He fires people en masse, and all employees sign strict NDA's.

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Musk has also taken the Giving Pledge, committing to give the majority of his wealth to charitable causes. In 2022, Forbes gave him the worst score in the philanthropy rating, since he had only given less than 1% of his fortune to charity. Soros was the biggest giver of all.

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HERE'S A GUIDE TO EACH SCORE. DATA ARE AS OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2022.

**1: Has given away less than 1% of wealth**  
Who got this score: Tesla CEO Elon Musk, Google cofounder Larry Page and 142 others.

**2: Has given away 1% to 4.99% of wealth**  
Who got this score: Google cofounder Sergey Brin, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and 118 others.

**3: Has given away 5% to 9.99% of wealth**  
Who got this score: Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, brokerage billionaire Charles Schwab and 52 others.

**4: Has given away 10% to 19.99% of wealth**  
Who got this score: Former New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg, hedge fund investor Jim Simons and 16 others.

**5: Has given away 20% or more of wealth**  
Who got this score: Bill Gates, Melinda French Gates, MacKenzie Scott, Warren Buffett, George Soros, Gordon Moore, Amos Hostetter Jr., Lynn Schusterman and John Arnold.

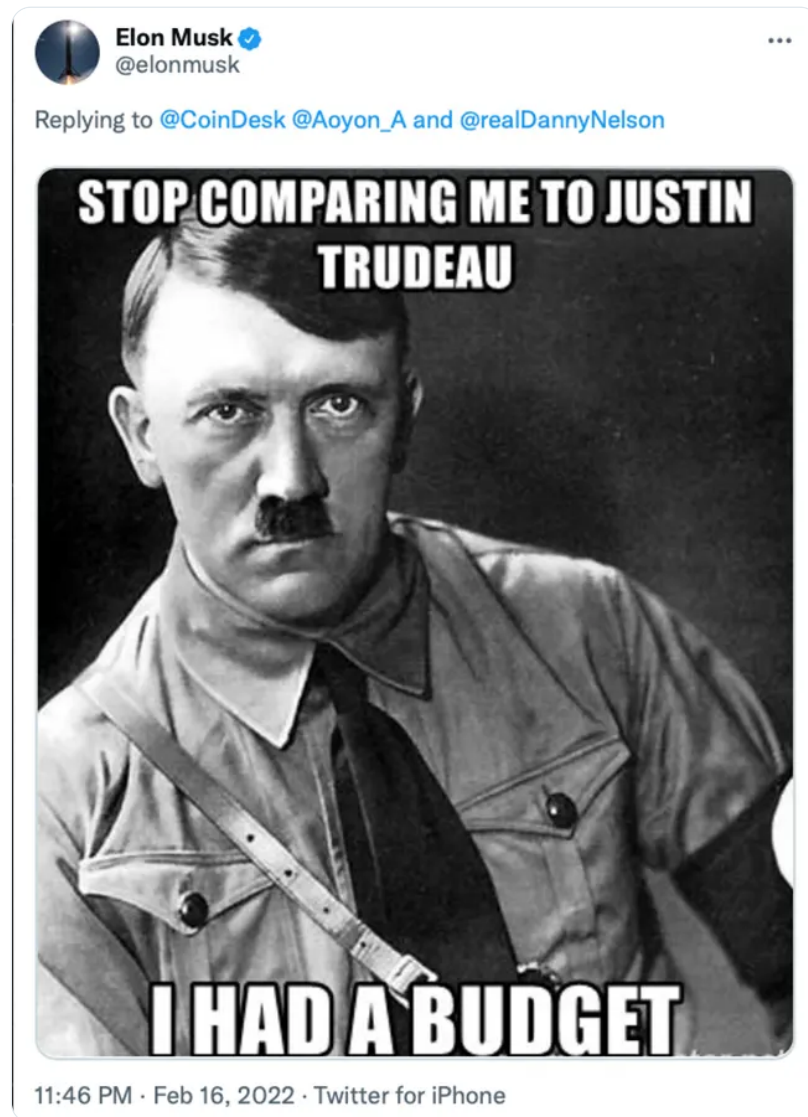
The screenshot shows a Twitter thread from Elon Musk (@elonmusk) dated May 16, 2023. The main tweet reads: "Soros reminds me of Magneto" and has 28.5K retweets, 4,731 quotes, 318.2K likes, and 2,019 bookmarks. Below it are three replies:

- Elon Musk (@elonmusk) - May 17: "I'd like apologize for this post" (1,563 replies, 3,158 quotes, 60.5K likes, 6.2M views)
- Elon Musk (@elonmusk) - May 17: "It was really unfair to Magneto" (8,198 replies, 8,965 quotes, 155.3K likes, 5.6M views)
- Thomas Matthew (@latayprime) - May 16: "Magneto is waaaaaasaaay cooler." (159 replies, 184 quotes, 10.1K likes, 952K views)
- Elon Musk (@elonmusk) - May 16: "Fair point" (422 replies, 301 quotes, 12.6K likes, 876.1K views)



Musk has been active Twitter user since 2009, and he's the platform's biggest account by far with over 140 million followers. Throughout the years, he has provoked controversy with his tweets. Some of these incidents include comparing Justin Trudeau to Hitler,...

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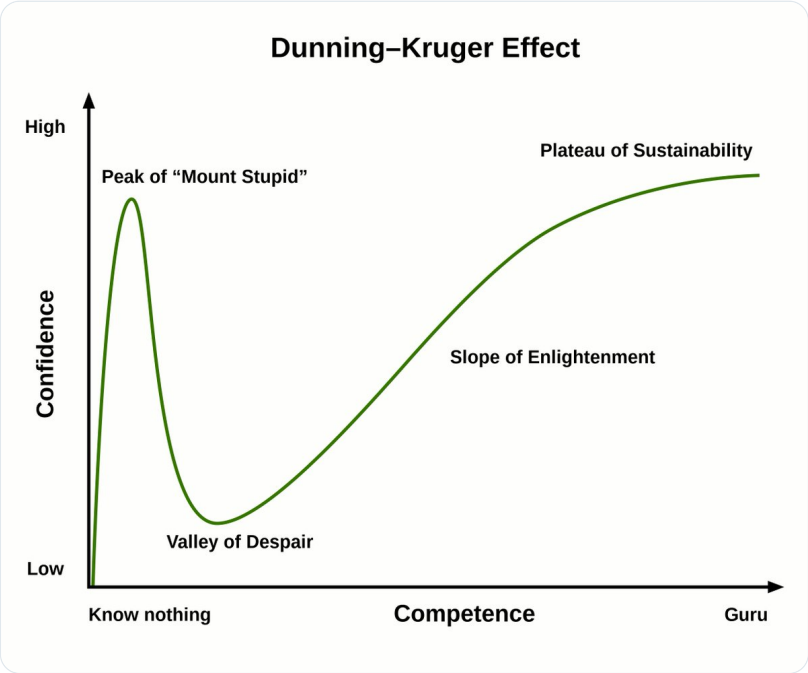
...calling the cave explorer who played a crucial role in saving 12 children from a cave in Thailand a "pedo guy" and "child rapist". Due to his success in business and developing future technologies, Musk has garnered a large group of faithful and fervent followers.

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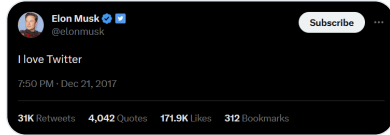
Like his old friend @davidsacks, Elon also likes to promote his ideas on absolutely everything, even when he doesn't have any expertise or knowledge on the topic (like the cave rescue operation) - a phenomenon known as the Dunning-Kruger effect.

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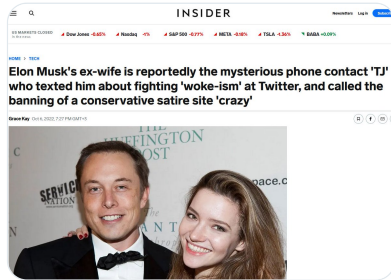
Musk showed interested in buying Twitter as early as in 2017, and had previously criticized the platform for lack of free speech. He started buying Twitter shares already in Jan 2022, and eventually bought the platform for 44 billion USD in Oct 2022. The idea of buying...

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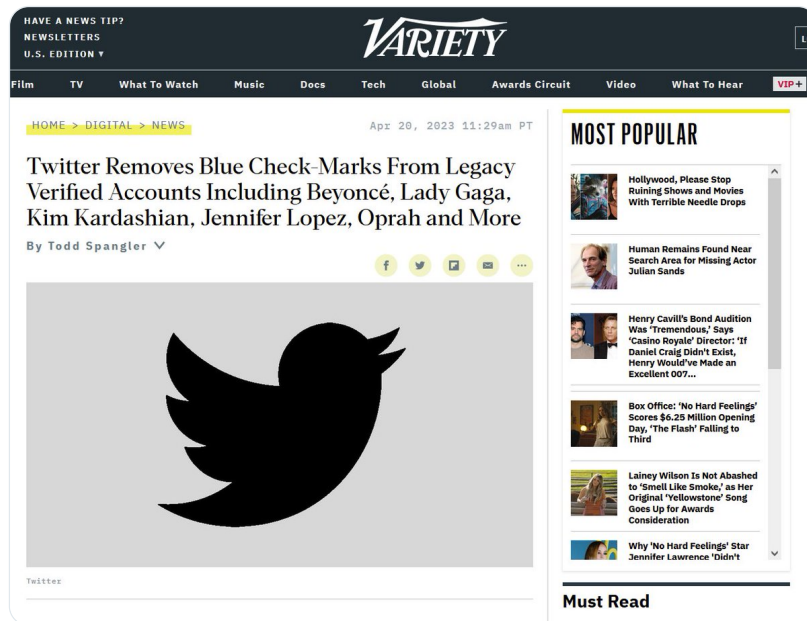
..Twitter & making it "radically free speech" allegedly came from Elon's ex-wife @TalulahRiley, who'd texted Elon "Please do something to fight woke-ism. I will do anything to help!" Riley had specifically cited the ban of a conservative news satire website, @TheBabylonBee.

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Prior to Musk's buyout of Twitter, the platform used so-called blue check marks to identify prominent figures and organizations. Musk quickly removed these, and introduced a blue tick that anyone could buy. This would provide them boost in the algorithm, and he declared...

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...that this would provide real free speech. Previously he stated that the "Price [would be] adjusted by country proportionate to purchasing power parity." As of today, Twitter Blue's pricing is almost identical in every country where it's available, including Madagascar,...

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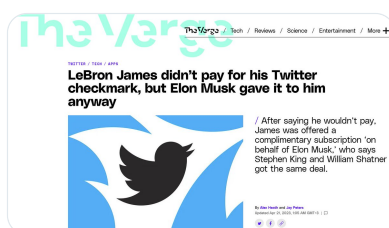


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Lebanon	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	\$114.99
Liberia	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	\$114.99
Litha	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	\$114.99
Liechtenstein	N/A	CHF7.00	CHF10.00	N/A	CHF73.00	CHF105.00
Macau	\$11.00	\$8.00	MOP89.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	MOP292.00
Madagascar	\$11.00	\$8.00	N/A	\$114.99	\$84.00	N/A
Malawi	\$11.00	\$8.00	N/A	\$114.99	\$84.00	N/A
Maldives	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	\$114.99
Mali	\$11.00	\$8.00	€11.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	€114.00
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Moldova	\$11.00	\$8.00	\$11.00	\$114.99	\$84.00	\$114.99
Mongolia	\$11.00	\$8.00	N/A	\$114.99	\$84.00	N/A

...one of the poorest countries in the world. For only +20% of their annual income, average Madagascarians can get some REAL free speech - thanks Elon!

He also sponsored the blue tick to the poorest of the poor, including @KingJames, @WilliamShatner and @StephenKing.

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Elon also quickly started firing old Twitter employees, getting rid of 80% of its workforce. He said that the process was "painful", but at the same time mocked many of these individuals on Twitter. One especially disgusting example of this was when he mocked...

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The image is a screenshot of a news article from Business Today. The page features a dark header with the 'bt Business Today' logo and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with categories like HOME, MAGAZINE, BT TV, MARKET TODAY, TECH TODAY, MONEY TODAY, UPSTART, INDUSTRY, BTSHORTS, VISUAL STORIES, and BT BAZ. A secondary menu includes Immersives, Animal Spirits, Economy, Corporate, Petrol-Diesel, Auto, IPO Corner, and various specialized sections like GOLF, Tech Today, Schools, and MINDRUSH. The main content area shows a news breadcrumb: News / TECHNOLOGY / News / Elon Musk confirms he has fired over 80% of Twitter employees so far. The article title is 'Elon Musk confirms he has fired over 80% of Twitter employees so far'. The sub-headline reads: 'Musk claims that there were 'just under 8,000' staff members when he bought the company. Now, Twitter is left with around 1,500 employees.' The author is identified as Danny D'Cruze, with a location of New Delhi and a timestamp of 'Updated Apr 12, 2023, 11:35 AM IST'. Social media sharing icons for WhatsApp, Twitter, Facebook, and a comment icon are visible. The main image is a photograph of Elon Musk with his eyes closed, looking down, with two white Twitter bird logos overlaid on the image.



...Haraldur Thorleifsson, or @iamharaldur, an Icelandic national hero who suffers from muscular dystrophy. Musk also fired the team that fought against coordinated propaganda campaigns by countries such as Russia, China and Saudi Arabia. Research by Darren Linville et al...

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...found out that many disabled troll farms had become active again after the buyout.

Apparently, none of Elon's friends haven't told him about the study that fake news spread 6 times faster on Twitter than truthful content. As of today, this number is probably higher.

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### Twitter staff cuts leave Russian trolls unchecked

14 April

Social media regulation debate



By Grigor Atanesian  
Senior Contributor Team

Hundreds of Russian and Chinese state propaganda accounts are thriving on Twitter after Elon Musk wiped out the team that fought these networks, the BBC has found.

### MIT News

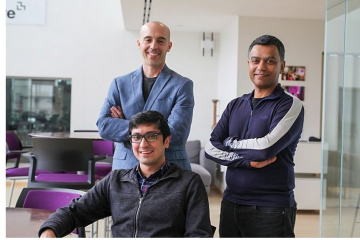
ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE WORLD

Study: On Twitter, false news travels faster than true stories

Research project finds humans, not bots, are primarily responsible for spread of misleading information.

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Peter Dizikes | MIT News Office  
March 8, 2018



This type of research has become much more expensive since the buyout, as Musk has increased the API costs astronomically - access to 50 million tweets per month costs a whopping 42,000 USD. He also removed the free, basic API access used by many indie developers & academics.

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## Twitter's new API plan costs up to \$2.5 million per year



Enterprise API packages will go from free to starting at \$42,000 per month for its lowest subscription tier.

By [Matt Binder](#) on March 10, 2023 [f](#) [t](#) [v](#)




Elon has attempted to combat disinformation on Twitter with "improved" community notes that he's called a "game changer". It's basically a crowdsourced (= free for Elon) feature where Twitter users can add context to tweets.


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 **kanekoa.substack.com**  @KanekoaTheGreat · Mar 14 ...






.@RobertKennedyJr tells @jimmy\_dore that Dr. Anthony Fauci has been in charge of developing bioweapons for the Pentagon since 2002, and in 2014, three viruses escaped from US labs, so he moved his bioweapons research to the Wuhan lab:



"They took the money that Cheney gave them... [Show more](#)



 **Help rate the 6 notes on this Tweet** →


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 1,689  21.9K  47.4K  7.9M 

 **Elon Musk**  @elonmusk ...

Replying to @KanekoaTheGreat @RobertKennedyJr and @jimmy\_dore

Accurate @CommunityNotes?

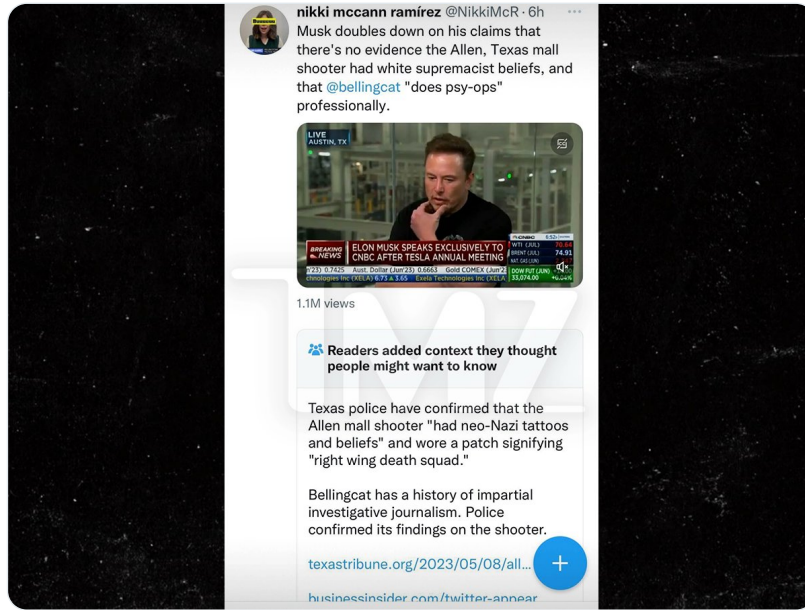
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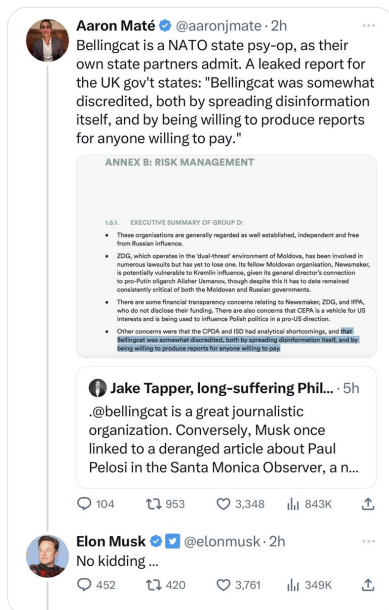
In May 2023, Musk's interview was hit with community notes over his claims that there's "no proof" that the Texas mall shooter was a white supremacist, and that @bellingcat is a "psyop". As of today, the community note has been removed.

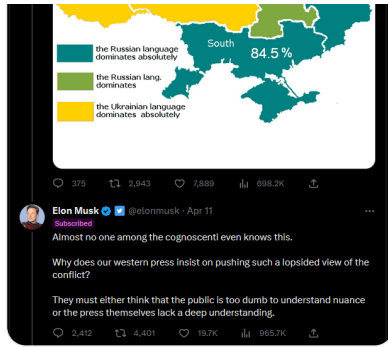
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Musk also provides a lot of publicity to known conspiracy theorists like al-Assad apologist and pro-Kremlin pundit, @aaronjmate, QAnon-affiliated @KanekoaTheGreat, social media grifter @stillgray, and of course fugitive @KimDotcom. When I asked for his comment...

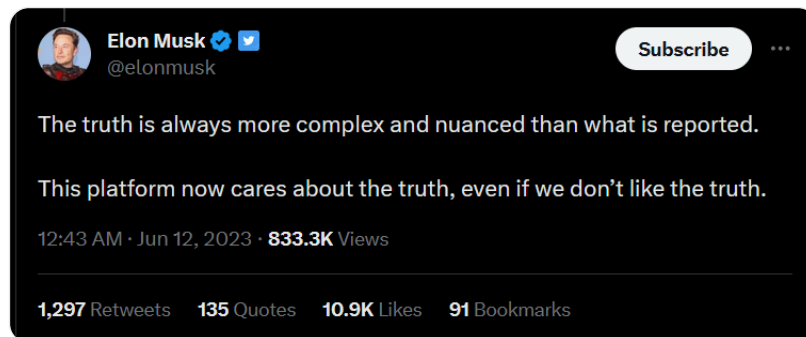
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...on this soup, Elon replied indirectly (I assume he didn't want to promote me in any way) to his old "war room" buddy and pro-Kremlin investor, @davidsacks, declaring that "This platform now cares about the truth, even if we don't like the truth."

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It's somewhat ironic that the people who declare to be running a "free speech platform" that "cares about the truth", seem to be afraid to have any kind of discussion. I guess they don't want their own "truth" to be challenged, after all?


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## Elon Musk, Self-Proclaimed “Free Speech Absolutist,” Says Twitter Will Treat “Cisgender” as a Slur

The billionaire is not CEO anymore—and yet, he's seemingly still changing the platform's rules on a dime.

 BY CALEB ECARMA  
JUNE 21, 2023





End of part one.

In the second part of this series, I'll focus more on Elon's comments on the Russo-Ukrainian War, including Elon's (or David Sacks') "peace plan", the undermining of neutral investigations, and promotion of pro-Kremlin narratives.

Stay tuned for more!

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Elon Musk

@elonmusk

**Ukraine-Russia Peace:**

- Redo elections of annexed regions under UN supervision. Russia leaves if that is will of the people.
- Crimea formally part of Russia, as it has been since 1783 (until Khrushchev's mistake).
- Water supply to Crimea assured.
- Ukraine remains neutral.

Response	Percentage
Yes	40.9%
No	59.1%

2,748,378 votes · Final results

7:15 PM · Oct 3, 2022

**19.5K** Retweets **25.1K** Quotes **96.5K** Likes **3,050** Bookmarks

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A blue banner with white text and icons. At the top left are icons for Twitter, YouTube, and music notes. On the right is a circular illustration of a chef in a kitchen. The text 'Pekka Kallioniemi' is prominently displayed in white. Below it is a coffee cup icon and the URL 'buymeacoffee.com/PKallioniemi'.

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A stylized illustration of a chef in a white uniform and black hat, leaning over a large pot on a stove. Steam is rising from the pot. The background is a warm, orange-brown color with a circular frame around the chef.

**The Soup Central**

The Soup Central gives you in-depth knowledge on disinformation, bad actors and information operations.

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APPENDIX: Both Elon's and Errol (Elon's father) version about the emerald mine biz can be found here:



**Elon Musk provides key context on hotly-contested “emerald mine” st...**

Elon Musk's recent post provided some critical context on why his own interviews and later posts about an emerald mine contradict each other.

<https://www.teslarati.com/elon-musk-dad-emerald-mine-story-finally-explained/>

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