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Jul 27, 2023 · 23 tweets · [P_Kallioniemi/status/1684470796381458432](https://twitter.com/P_Kallioniemi/status/1684470796381458432)

In today's #vatniksoup, I'll discuss the current state of Twitter/X. After @elonmusk took over, the site's gotten rid of most their safety rules & monetized people who agree with Musk's politics & constantly use lies and deceit to create outrage and increase their audience.

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ANALYSIS

Elon Musk's Twitter Is Becoming a Sewer of Disinformation

Changes to the platform have systematically amplified authoritarian state propaganda.


By [Miah Hammond-Errey](#), the director of the Emerging Technology Program at the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney.



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On 14 Jul 2023, Musk started paying ad share revenue to X's "creators". Besides some meme and Musk-fanboy accounts, these creators mostly consisted of accounts that regularly spread disinformation & outright lies. Many of them have also tried to manipulate their follower count.

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 **Ed Krassenstein**  [@EdKrassen](#) [Subscribe](#) 

Today Elon Musk and Twitter began Twitter ad share revenue payouts. Here is a list of the users who have shared how much they made publicly.

- [@DirtyTesLa](#) - \$1,004
- [@Anc_Aesthetics](#) - \$1,358
- [@nickfloats](#) - \$1,393
- [@mysteriouskat](#) - \$1,469
- [@elon_alerts](#) - \$2,226
- [@raptalksk](#) - \$2,236
- [@WarClandestine](#) - \$2,426
- [@nicksortor](#) - \$3,699
- [@levelsio](#) - \$3,899
- [@simonateba](#) - \$3,975
- [@Timcast](#) - \$5,823
- [@WholeMarsBlog](#) - \$6,206
- [@SawyerMerritt](#) - \$6,465
- [@DC_Draino](#) - \$7,036
- [@stclairashley](#) - \$7,153
- [@bennyjohnson](#) - \$9,546
- [@ZubyMusic](#) - \$12,237
- [@stillgray](#) - \$16,259
- [@Cobratate](#) - \$20,379
- [@Krassenstein](#) - \$24,305
- [@EdKrassen](#) - \$24,877
- [@MrBeast](#) - \$25,801
- [@BillyM2k](#) - \$37,050
- [@InternetHOF](#) - \$107,247

If you have anyone to add to the list please post them here.

Congrats to everyone who received money.

2:21 AM · Jul 14, 2023 · **900.4K** Views

222 Retweets **95** Quotes **1,864** Likes **183** Bookmarks

Many of these "creators" will shift their narrative as soon as a new trend evolves. Today, they'll talk about Bud Light, Hunter Biden and Ukraine, but tomorrow it's going to be something else - something that's trendy. These people are also experts on absolutely EVERYTHING.

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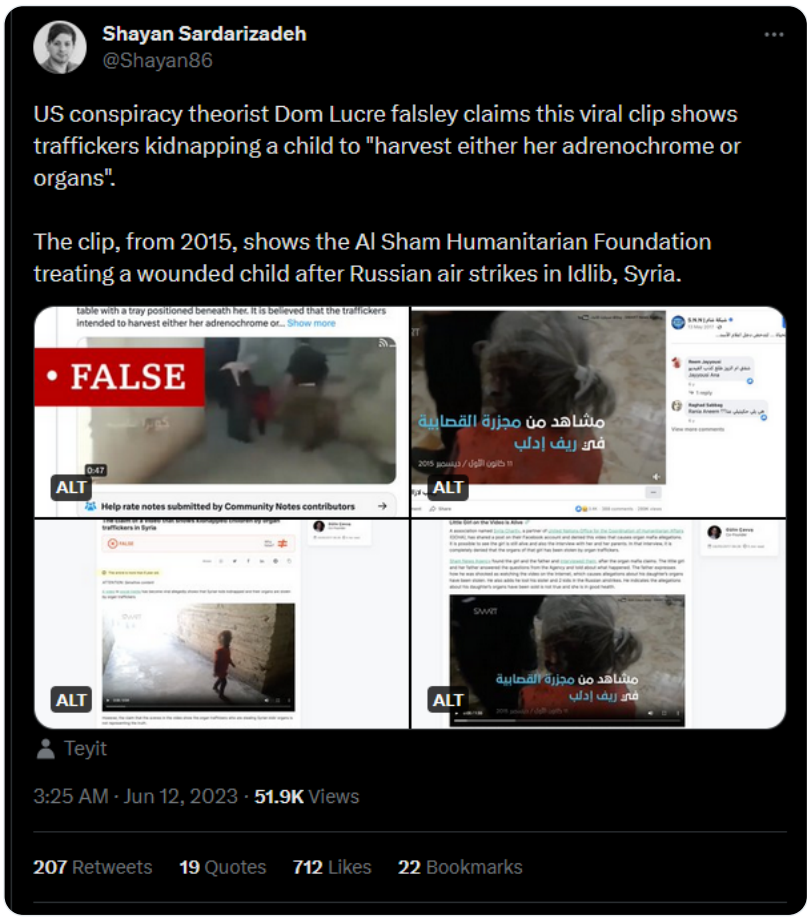
Bud Light is destroyed and now Target is removing children's clothing designed by a Satanist from some of its stores

Every Woke company has now been put on notice that MAGA boycotts work

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As the @CommunityNotes on X are generally considered to be a joke, and these outrageous claims garner millions of views, the accounts are good way to collect ad revenue.

So, here are some of the "creators" Elon gave revenue to:

ANALYSIS Politics Alberta

Rage Farming Is Poisoning Our Politics. How to Resist

The strategy drums up emotions, followers and cash. But we pay a huge price by sacrificing civility.



Jared Wesley and Fajr Ahmad / 18 Jul 2023 / The Tyee

Jared Wesley is a professor of political science at the University of Alberta. Fajr Ahmad is a student at Barrett, the honors college at Arizona State University, studying communication.



Jacob Creech AKA @WarClandestine, a far-right QAnon follower who started the "bioweapons labs in Ukraine" narrative that was picked by mainstream media on 24 Feb 2022. Jacob made around 500 USD a month from spreading lies and conspiracy theories.



Thread



Clandestine

@WarClandestine

1) HOLY SHIT! I think I may be onto something about [#Ukraine](#).

Zelensky said the Russians are firing at “military installations”. How broad is that term?

I am seeing speculation that could include US installed biolabs.

At first I was like no way.

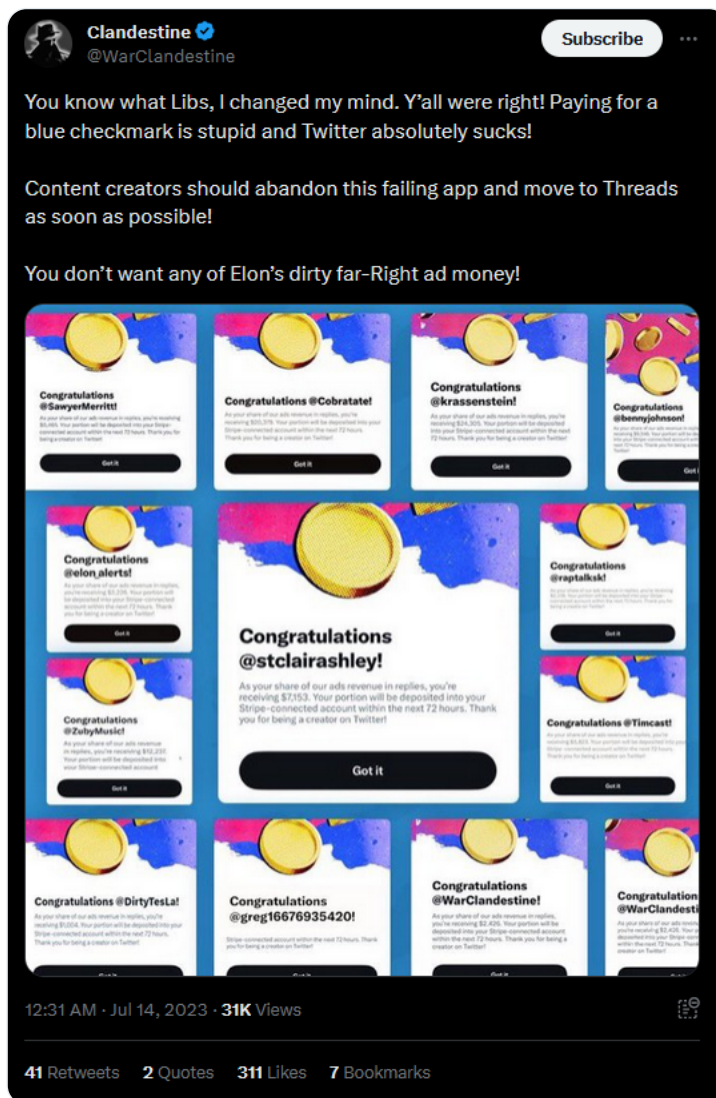
Then I started digging.

US BIOLABS IN UKRAINE



Tweet your reply





Nick Sortor AKA @nicksortor, a some sort of far-right "citizen journalist" who spreads disinformation and promotes other grifters like @tuckercarlson and the MAGA gang. Nicky made around 750 USD a month from his "journalism".



Nick Sortor
@nicksortor

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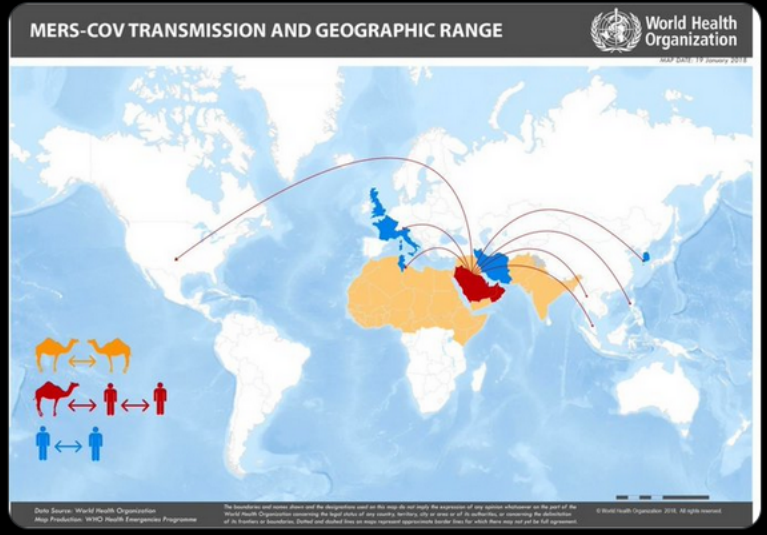
ALERT: A man has tested positive for a "potentially fatal" Coronavirus called MERS-CoV in the city of Abu Dhabi, World Health Organization says

Out of all recorded cases, this virus has had a *36% fatality rate*, according to WHO

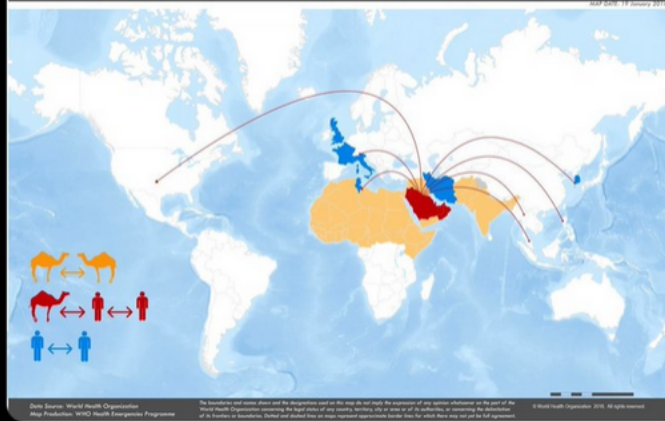
WHO recommends "SURVEILLANCE IN BOTH HUMANS AND ANIMALS" because of its "high fatality rate, large geographical range, and lack of medical interventions."

WHO also has listed MERS-CoV as a "HIGH-PRIORITY PATHOGEN" in order to "maintain control of this virus."

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MERS-COV TRANSMISSION AND GEOGRAPHIC RANGE



👤 Readers added context they thought people might want to know

For context, MERS was first reported in 2012, and all reported cases have been linked to countries in & near the Arabian Peninsula.

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It is not easily transmitted among humans, and has spread mostly among people who come in contact with dromedary camels.

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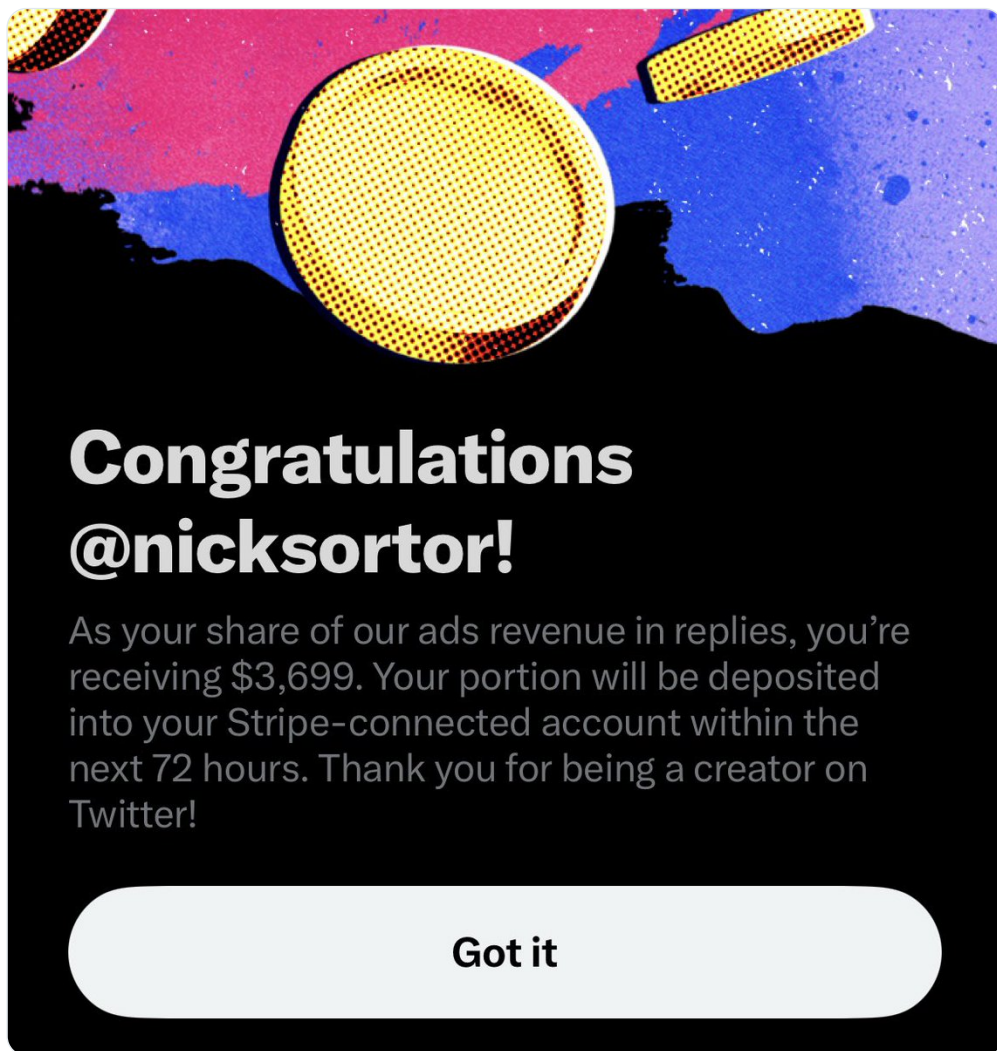
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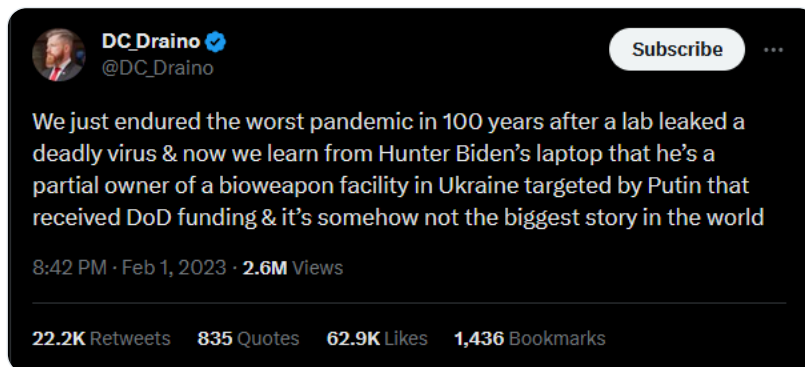
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Rogan O'Handley AKA @DC_Draino, a far-right conspiracy theorist and "conservative commentator" who spreads lies and disinformation for engagement. He also seems to be a strong advocate for Putin's imperialism. O'Handley earned around 1400 USD a month from his lies.

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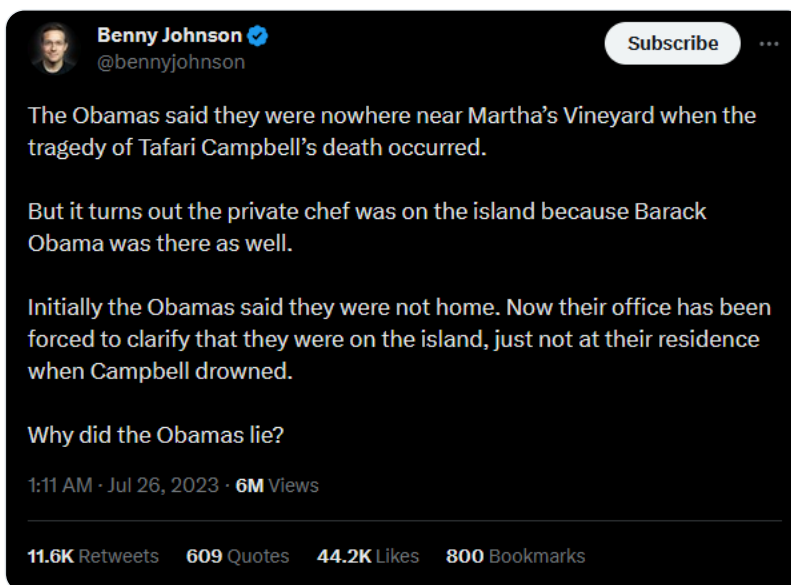


Ashley St. Clair AKA @stclairashley, apparently a conservative comedian who makes fun of the "woke culture" and shares photos to her thirsty fans. To be fair, some of her jokes aren't that bad. Apparently she works for the @thebabylonbee. She made 1430 USD a month.

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Benny Johnson AKA @bennyjohnson, a far-right podcaster and Trump supporter, who spreads outrageous lies & disinformation. In his most recent, he insinuated that the Obama's might have been involved in the death of one of their staff members. He made 1900 USD a month from lying.

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Ian Miles Cheong AKA @stillgray, a Malaysian grifter who will do anything for a quick buck.

Just read the thread:



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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce a Malaysian conspiracy theorist, journalist and social media addict, Ian Miles Cheong ([@stillgray](#)). He's best-known for his online attention-seeking activities, for his anti-Ukraine stance, and for simping [@elonmusk](#) and other techbros.

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Andrew Tate AKA @cobratate, a far-right social media personality and alleged serial rapist and human trafficker.

He made around 4000 USD a month on X.

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Andrew Tate charged with rape and human trafficking

21 June



Andrew Tate, left, and his brother Tristan were first arrested at their Bucharest home in December

By Lucy Williamson & George Wright

BBC News in Bucharest and London

BREAKING

British Woman Alleges Andrew Tate Raped And Choked Her In 2014

Robert Hart Forbes Staff

I cover breaking news.

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Jun 7, 2023, 06:36am EDT

TOPLINE A British woman alleged Tuesday controversial social media influencer Andrew Tate choked her until she passed out and raped her as she joined three other women alleging sexual assault to pursue a civil claim against him, adding to the self-proclaimed misogynist's legal woes as he strenuously denies wrongdoing while under house arrest in Romania for suspected human trafficking.





Brian and Ed Krassenstein AKA @krassenstein and @edkrassen. The "controlled opposition" who challenge Elon's views, but not really.

They were suspended in 2019 for allegedly operating fake accounts. They became popular as the "Trump reply guys".

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May 24, 2019 7:06am PT

Twitter Permanently Bans Anti-Trump Krassenstein Brothers, Who Deny They Broke Platform's Rules

By Todd Spangler ▾



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Twitter permanently suspended the accounts of Ed and Brian Krassenstein — progressive political activists famous for trolling [Donald Trump](#) and his supporters — with the company alleging the brothers used bogus accounts to amplify their reach on the platform.

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Stars of the #Resistance movement, the Krassenstein brothers are back and pushing NFTs — despite past allegations of fraud

BY MILES KLEE

DECEMBER 14, 2022



They allegedly promoted Russian Ponzi schemes on one of their websites, but were never charged for any of it. I recently asked Brian a question regarding X, but he apparently forgot to answer:

They both earned around 4860 USD a month on X.

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Replying to @krassenstein

Brian, do you think that claims should go unchecked and constant lying and spreading of disinformation should be tolerated?

He called people pedophiles without any actual evidence. His takes on Ukraine were full of disinformation straight up lies.

And @CommunityNotes is a joke.

Dom Lucire | Breaker of Narratives
@dom_lucire [Subscribe](#)

On February 24 2023, western media and politicians spoke about the "anniversary of the conflict in Ukraine". Which, in reality, is not the case. The conflict in Ukraine started in 2014 when Ukraine launched bombs against civilians in the People's Republics of Donetsk and Luhansk.

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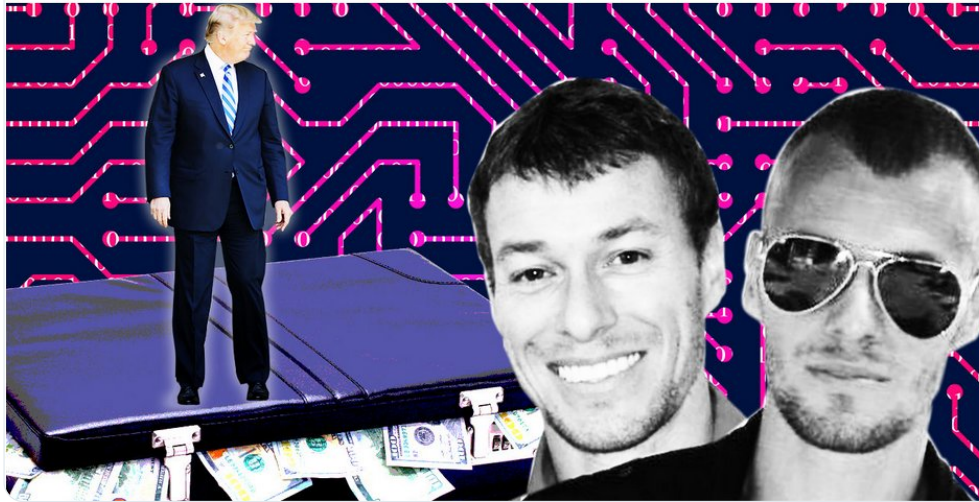
MURKY PAST

Homeland Security investigator alleged 'reasonable cause' to believe Ed and Brian Krassenstein illegally hawked investment scams.



Lachlan Markay
Reporter

Updated May 22, 2018 5:10PM EDT / Published May 22, 2018 9:43AM EDT



Business brothers own Lee home raided by Homeland Security

For hours, people in a south Fort Myers community off Iona Road watched as deputies and federal investigators carried dozens of boxes out of a home on Anchorage Way.

Thursday, September 22nd 2016, 5:13 PM EDT

Updated: Friday, September 23rd 2016, 11:10 AM EDT



The strategy is very simple: Musk is giving money to people who promote his products (Tesla, SpaceX, etc.) or to people he agrees with in politics.

And the list is not comprehensive, and accounts like @catturd2 and @dom_lucre are also in the subscription system.



When I said that X has gotten rid of their safety rules, I meant it. On 26 Jul 2023, @dom_lucre was suspended for posting "child exploitation pictures".

@elonmusk himself revealed this, and the account was reinstated on the same day.



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In today's [#vatniksoup](#), I'll introduce an American social media personality, Dominick "Dom Lucre" McGee ([@dom_lucre](#)). He's best-known for lying about absolutely everything, and for spreading QAnon-related conspiracy theories and disinformation on the Russo-Ukrainian War.

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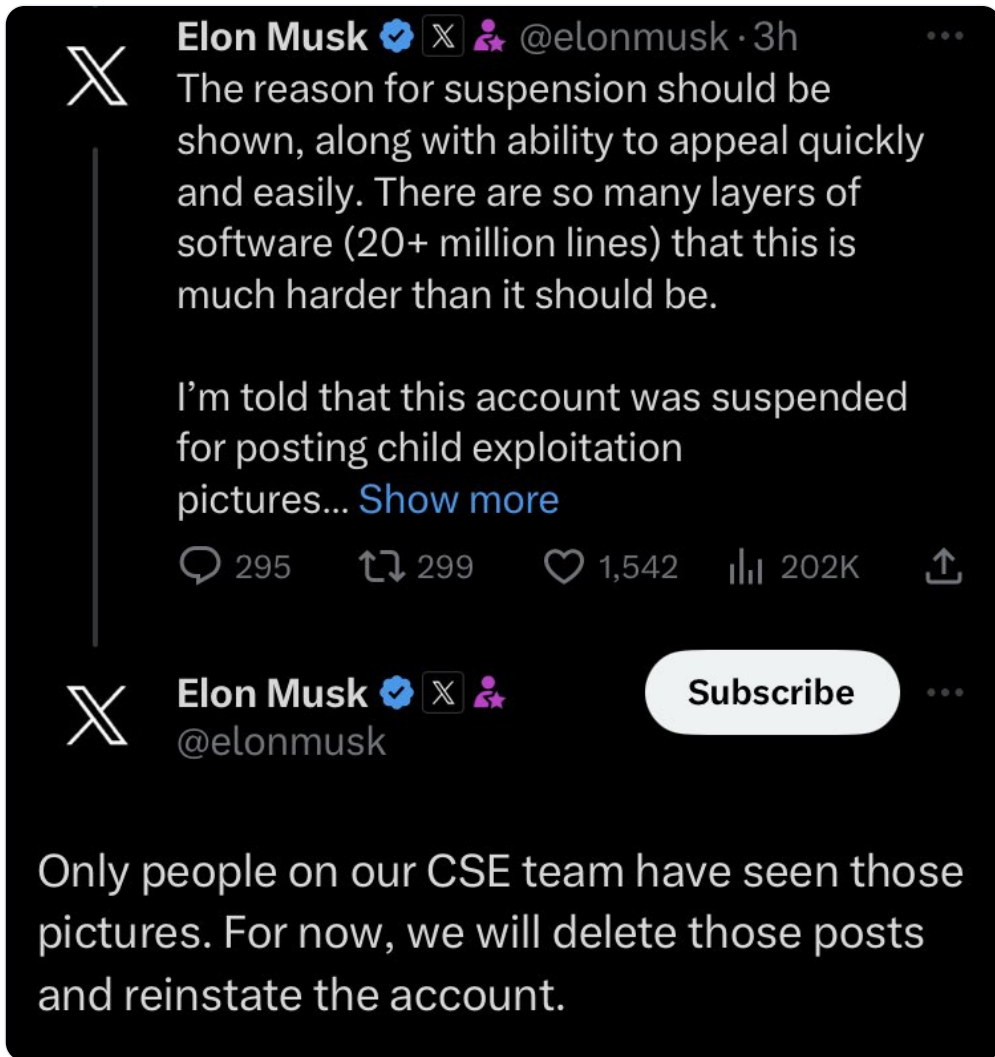


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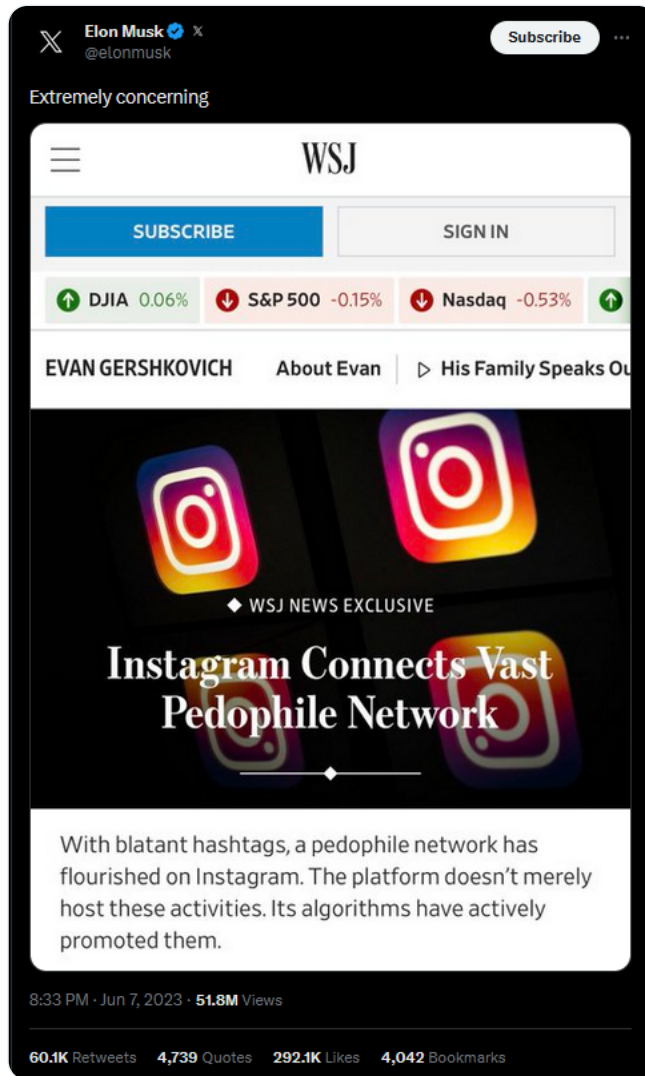
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Apparently, if @elonmusk likes your account, posting CSAM content gets you a slap on the wrist.

This is simply absurd, coming from a guy who just month ago considered Instagram's vast pedophile networks "extremely concerning".



X's new blue checkmark system has also evolved into a huge disinformation promotion tool, and by spending small amounts of money, troll farms can promote and augment any kind of false narratives on the platform. This is why some old, big troll farms have resurfaced again.

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The internet's biggest fake news producers are gaining traction through Twitter Blue accounts promoting their disinformation about Ukraine

Katie Hawkinson Jul 9, 2023, 9:53 PM GMT+3



A blue checkmark on Twitter used to indicate a verified identity. But since Elon Musk took over the company, it now just indicates

Also, in a recent and desperate measure to collect more ad revenue, X has started forcing brands to spend on advertising in order to keep their "gold checkmark", or the verification for being an authentic brand, organization or company.

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Elon Musk will reportedly force brands to spend at least \$1,000 on Twitter ads every month — or lose their gold checkmark

Sarah Jackson Jul 26, 2023, 11:34 PM GMT+3



Elon Musk said earlier this month that Twitter has seen a 50% drop in ad revenue. The company is reportedly trying to change that by

To battle the disinformation on X, I suggest you follow accounts like @Shayan86 and @hoaxeye.

Oh, and if the profile says anything about being "citizen/independent journalist", steer clear.

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Victims of “Donbas genocide” were paid actors, Prigozhin’s fired trolls reveal

BY IRYNA VOICHUK · 14/07/2023 · 1 SHARE · 5 MINUTE READ

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Now let us watch some of these smaller accounts I mentioned, try and gain more traction and following from the thread, and the bigger ones staying completely silent as they have nothing to gain from it all.

APPENDIX: The content, called "Daisy's Destruction", that @dom_lucre allegedly shared was produced by Peter Scully, a notorious pedophile who was sentenced on five counts of rape by sexual assault of underage girls in 2018.

The video featured the torture and rape of three girls...

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Lindsay Murdoch
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 **Elon Musk**    @elonmusk · 3h ...


The reason for suspension should be shown, along with ability to appeal quickly and easily. There are so many layers of software (20+ million lines) that this is much harder than it should be.



I'm told that this account was suspended for posting child exploitation pictures... [Show more](#)






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 **Elon Musk**    Subscribe ...

Only people on our CSE team have seen those pictures. For now, we will delete those posts and reinstate the account.






 **Tammie Gentry** @TammieGentry02 · Jul 23 ...

That is absolutely horrendous. That poor child. She'll never be right after that..
 

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 **MojoPiniata** @MojoPiniata · Jul 24 ...

That pic shouldn't be there. And there should be a tw on the post.

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@Trinityaudiobot

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