



Pekka Kallioniemi @P_Kallioniemi

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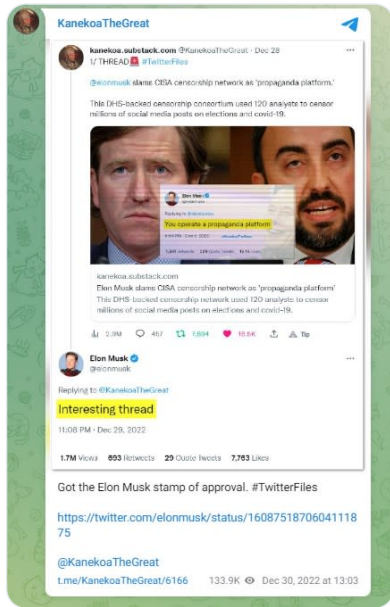
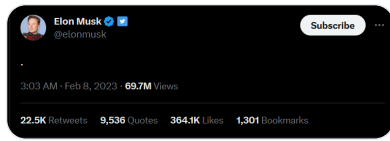
In today's #vatniksoup, I'll introduce a South African-American(!) businessman and social media figure, Elon Musk (@elonmusk). He's best-known for being the wealthiest man in the world, running Tesla Inc., SpaceX & Twitter, and for parroting Kremlin's propaganda narratives.

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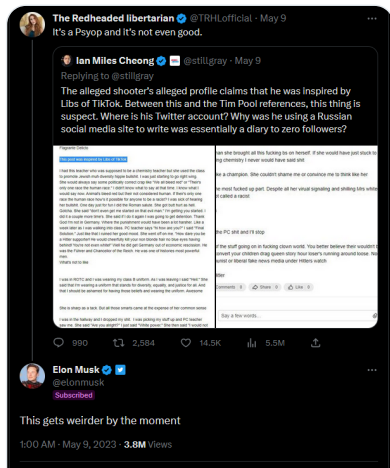
Let's start with the obvious: Elon's tweets have enormous effect on Twitter & his tweets have a big audience. Every tweet he likes or comments gets a huge boost in the algorithm & is then shown to tens of millions of people. Some have called his replies a "stamp of approval".

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He's promised to make Twitter the "most accurate source of information about the world," but strangely he's flirted with various conspiracy theories throughout the years. Among other things, he's denied the white supremacist background of a mass shooter, spread COVID-19...

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zerohedge @zerohedge · May 29
Zero Young Healthy Individuals Died Of COVID-19, Israeli Data Show



zerohedge.com
Zero Young Healthy Individuals Died Of COVID-19, Israeli Data Show
"Zero deceased of 18-29 years of age with no underlying morbidities," the Israel Ministry of Health (MOH) said in response to a formal reque...

758 5,553 20.9K 3.7M

Elon Musk @elonmusk · May 29
Zero ...

1,808 2,378 28.8K 2.8M

מסוד הבריאות @IsraelMOH

Elon, unfortunately this is not what the whole data shows.
fake news is dangerous.

Israel Ministry of Health was asked on chronic disease data and explained that we don't have access to clinical records >>>

4:04 PM · May 29, 2023 · 133.2K Views

171 Retweets 95 Quotes 1,192 Likes 36 Bookmarks

Elon Musk @elonmusk · Mar 19, 2020
No new domestic corona cases in China



nytimes.com
China Hits a Coronavirus Milestone: No New Local Infections (Publish...
All of the new cases reported on Thursday involved people who had come to China from elsewhere, the government said.

4,044 6,426 52.7K

Pransy Pathole @PPathola · Mar 19, 2020
Do you believe it?

129 24 1,901

Elon Musk @elonmusk · Mar 19, 2020
Yes

286 171 3,769

Elon Musk @elonmusk

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Based on current trends, probably close to zero new cases in US too by end of April

11:38 PM · Mar 19, 2020

7,271 Retweets 15.6K Quotes 12.3K Likes 1,334 Bookmarks

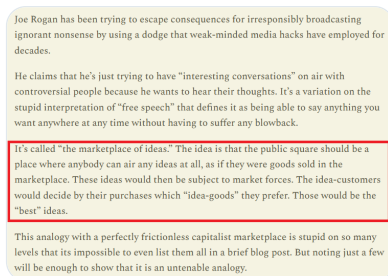
...misinformation and parroted George Soros related conspiracy theories. A lot of Elon's views on various topics may actually come from other people. His ex-wife, @TalulahRiley called for unbanning of @TheBabylonBee, his friend @joerogan had previously called for a social...

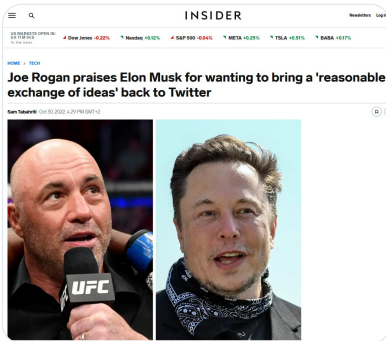
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..media platform that works like a "marketplace of ideas" - a philosophy where the "best" ideas from the likes of alleged human trafficker/rapist @cobratate & QAnon-affiliated @RepMTG rise to the top - & said that Musk should "liberate Twitter from the censorship happy mob".

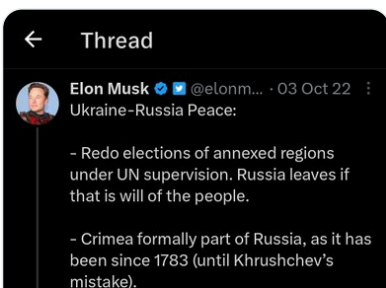
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When it comes to war, he seems to mostly listen to @davidsacks, among a few other disinformation peddlers. In Oct 2022, Musk tweeted about "Ukraine-Russia Peace", calling for UN-supervised elections in the annexed areas. He also stated that Crimea would remain part of Russia.

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- Water supply to Crimea assured.

- Ukraine remains neutral.

Yes 41%

No 59%

2,748,378 votes • Final results

113K 44.7K 96.6K

Elon Musk @elonmusk · 03 Oct 22
 Replying to @elonmusk
 This is highly likely to be the outcome in the end – just a question of how many die before then

9,728 5,281 83.7K

Elon Musk @elonmusk [Follow](#)

Also worth noting that a possible, albeit unlikely, outcome from this conflict is nuclear war

19:30 · 03 Oct 22

4,414 Retweets 939 Quotes 72K Likes

Anton Gerashchenko · 03 Oct 22
 Replying to @elonmusk
 Concessions to terrorists won't lower the risk of nuclear war.

68 163 3,313

Tweet your reply

KanekoTheGreat @KanekoTheGreat · Feb 25
 #1 @DavidSacks talks about Donald Trump's criticism of Victoria Nuland's involvement in the ousting of Ukraine's democratically elected government in 2014:

"Nuland is the Fauci of this situation. In the same way that Fauci was supposed to be protecting us from viruses, and then..."



2:25

573 5,329 19K 4.8M

Elon Musk @elonmusk
 Subscribed

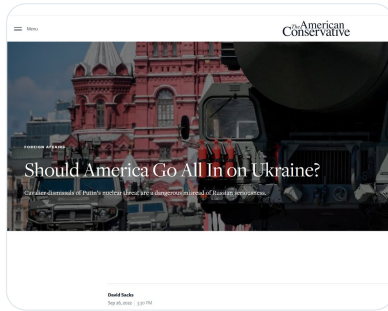
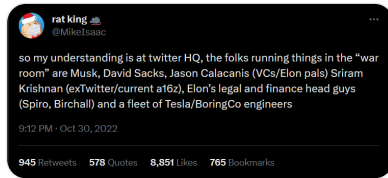
Accurate assessment by @DavidSacks

11:41 AM · Feb 25, 2023 · 1.6M Views

957 Retweets 66 Quotes 7,814 Likes 73 Bookmarks

He then warned about escalation and the threat of nuclear war. A very similar peace plan was suggested by his "war room" buddy @davidsacks just week before Musk's tweet. He later backtracked, polling whether the people in Donbas & Crimea should "decide whether they want..."

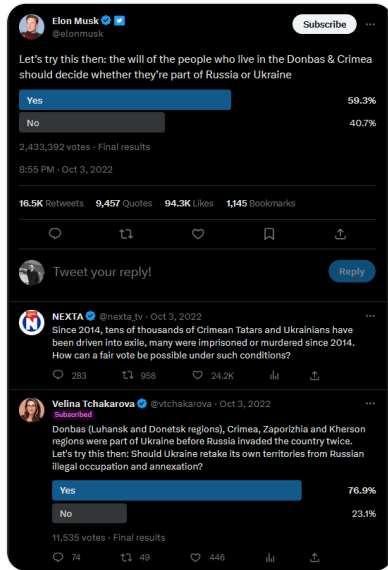
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...to be part of Russia or Ukraine" - which they did already in 1991 as you can see from this Independence Referendum voting map.

In Jun 2023, @davidsacks blessed us with another long tweet, condemning the Ukrainian counteroffensive as a failure, while at the same time...

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...praising Mearsheimer's realpolitik garbage. Musk commended his old friend's post, stating that it was "Well said."

Elon has also discredited @bellingcat, one of the biggest investigative groups fighting Russian disinformation, calling them a "psyop".

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Elon Musk liked

David Sacks ALL IN
@DavidSacks

Just like Ukraine. You'll see.

David Larkin ALL IN @DavidLarkinEsq · 4h
It's truly incredible how much total horseshit the American people were fed by the government-corporate media complex.

And censored & denounced to boot....

4:54 AM · 6/21/23 from Earth · **263K** Views

114 Retweets **8** Quotes **1,153** Likes **16** Bookmarks

Elon Musk ALL IN
@elonmusk

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Didn't the story come from @bellingcat, which literally specializes in psychological operations?

I don't want to hurt their feelings, but this is either the weirdest story ever or a very bad psyop!

7:46 PM · May 9, 2023 · **4M** Views

2,045 Retweets **576** Quotes **18.4K** Likes **390** Bookmarks

Ellet Higgins
@ElletHiggins

So when this first became public I was obviously appalled, as it doesn't represent Bellingcat accurately, so I asked for the basis of this claim. I was told a third party organisation who put together this report based it on a Sputnik article and a claim by a Russian journalist.

Aaron Maté ALL IN @aaronjmate · 2h

Bellingcat is a NATO state psy-op, as their own state partners admit. A leaked report for the UK gov't states: "Bellingcat was somewhat discredited, both by spreading disinformation itself, and by being willing to produce reports for anyone willing to pay."

ANNEX B: RISK MANAGEMENT

1.6.1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF GROUP D:

- These organisations are generally regarded as well established, independent and free from Russian influence.
- ZOG, which operates in the "blue threat" environment of Moldova, has been involved in numerous incidents but has not to date one. Its fellow Moldovan organisation, Newsroom, is potentially vulnerable to Kremlin influence, given its general director's connection to pro-Putin oligarch Mihail Simoniuc, though despite this it has to date remained consistently critical of both the Moldovan and Russian governments.
- There are some financial transparency concerns relating to Newsroom, ZOG, and IPRA, who do not disclose their funding. There are also concerns that CDDA is a vehicle for US interests and is being used to influence Polish politics in a pro-US direction.
- Other concerns were that the CDDA and IPRA had analytical shortcomings, and that Bellingcat was somewhat discredited, both by spreading disinformation itself, and by being willing to produce reports for anyone willing to pay.

Jake Tapper, long-suffering Phil... · 5h
@bellingcat is a great journalistic organization. Conversely, Musk once linked to a deranged article about Paul Pelosi in the Santa Monica Observer, a n...

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Elon Musk ALL IN @elonmusk · 2h

No kidding ...

452 420 3,761 349K

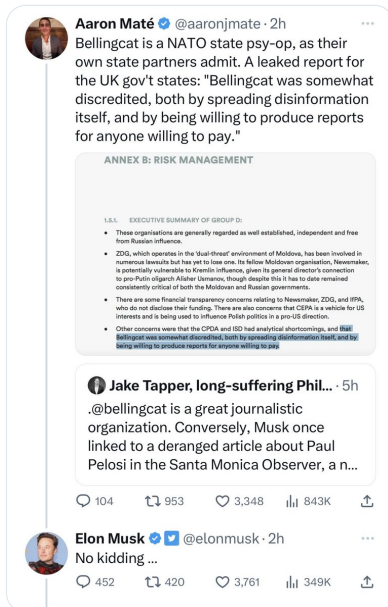
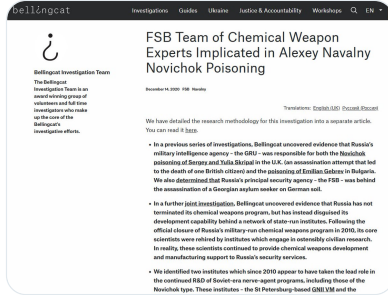
10:31 AM · May 17, 2023 · **567K** Views

1,313 Retweets **121** Quotes **4,840** Likes **153** Bookmarks

Bellingcat has exposed loads of Russian atrocities, including the down shooting of MH17, the identity of Russia's drone operators, and the Skripal poisonings.

For this, it has become number one target of defamation by the pro-Kremlin propagandists like @aaronjmate.

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After Twitter introduced subscription service, one of Elon's first subscriptions on Twitter was @KanekoaTheGreat, a QAnon-affiliated conspiracy theorist known for pushing Kremlin narratives about Ukraine, especially about the country's ethnic "division".

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KanekoaTheGreat
Forwarded from ULTRA Pepe Lives Matter 🌿 (Pepe Lives Matter)

01:11



Protests against tyranny worldwide.
WWG1WGA.

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👁️ 28.7K 16:50

KanekoaTheGreat @KanekoaTheGreat · Apr 11

In April 2019, Ukraine's parliament approved a new law restricting the use of the Russian language despite Russian being the most commonly used language in southern and eastern Ukraine.

Human Rights Watch warned that the law failed to protect the linguistic rights of Russian... [Show more](#)



375 2,943 7,889 698.2K

Elon Musk @elonmusk · Apr 11

Almost no one among the cognoscenti even knows this.

Why does our western press insist on pushing such a lopsided view of the conflict?


They must either think that the public is too dumb to understand nuance or the press themselves lack a deep understanding.

2,412 4,401 19.7K 995.7K

KanekoaTheGreat @KanekoaTheGreat · Apr 11

Following the 2014 coup in Ukraine, parliament abolished a law that permitted the use of the Russian language, and Zelensky appeared on national television to argue that the Russian-speaking populations in eastern Ukraine and Crimea should be allowed to speak their language.

"In... [Show more](#)



Readers added context they thought people might want to know

The law on regional languages was repealed by the parliament of Ukraine on February 23, 2014. However the decree was not signed. The law officially expired only on February 28, 2018, when the Constitutional Court of Ukraine declared the law unconstitutional.

euvsd.info/en/report/the-war...

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642 4,674 10.1K 2.3M

KanekoaTheGreat
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01:56



It's On Us, We The People To Rise Up Against All Forms Of Tyranny "If We Fail, Then Freedom Fails"- John F Kennedy -

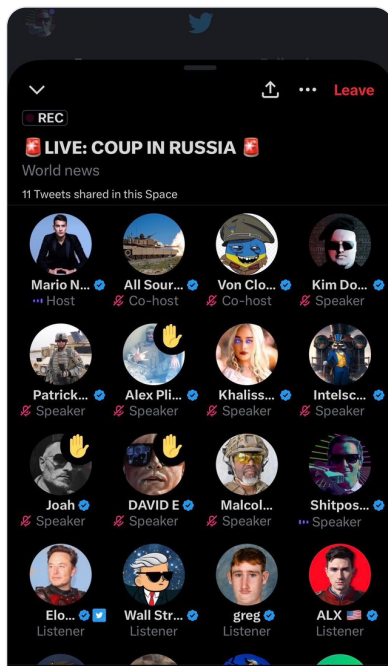
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He's also attended civil discussions on Twitter Spaces with pro-Kremlin propagandists like @KimDotcom and @stillgray. Incidentally, these Spaces rarely offer any real discussion, but are rather back-patting exercises of people who mostly agree with each other.

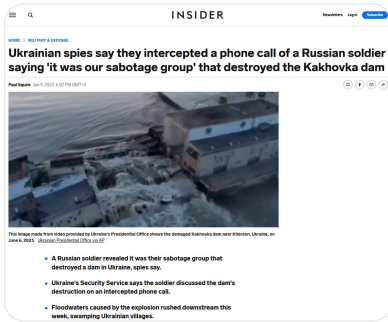
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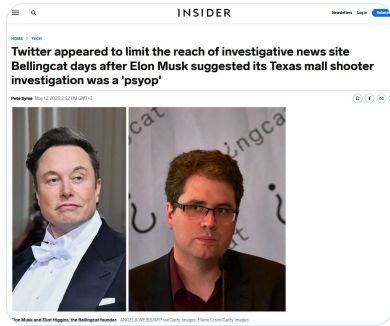
Musk has strongly promoted one of the biggest liars and Putin cheerleaders in the US media, Tucker Carlson. In the first episode of his new "show" on Twitter, Carlson implied that the Kakhovka Dam was destroyed by the Ukrainians without offering any solid proof.

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These narratives are heavily promoted by Musk and his Twitter platform, promoting Russia's biggest adversaries as "psyops" and Ukraine as a corrupt nation ruled by far-right militias. As you know by now, they come directly from the Kremlin propaganda playbook.

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KEY KREMLIN NARRATIVES UNDERMINING UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE

- 404 "Ukraine is a failed state, which has never existed before the appearance of the USSR"
- "Ukraine is not a sovereign state but an "anti-Russia project" financed by the West to destabilize Russia"
- "Ukrainian language is an artificially created dialect of Russian with Polish influences"
- "Ukraine is one of the most corrupt states in the world so it will never be ready for EU membership. Even the western weapons are stolen and sold to Russia"
- "Ukrainian government is not self-sufficient and just follows the instructions of the Western leaders"
- "Ukraine does not have the right to exist as a sovereign state and must be denazified for the infringement of the rights of Russian-speaking population and integrated into Russia"

UKRAINE CRISIS media center

Of course all this has been used for propaganda purposes by Russia, and these days Elon appears often on RT's headlines allegedly agreeing that the Ukrainian counterattack is failing and the 2014 Revolution of Dignity was a coup.

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Musk appeared to agree with Sack's take on Ukraine, writing on Twitter: "Wtf said."

Meanwhile, Sacks pointed to new evidence showing that Moscow and Kiev could have come to an agreement at the very start of the conflict last year, referring to a draft treaty on neutrality and security guarantees for Ukraine shown by Russian President Vladimir Putin earlier this week.

However, the negotiations on the matter broke down in the spring 2022 after Ukraine accused Russia of committing war crimes, a claim Moscow has vehemently denied. The alleged atrocities were discovered after Russian troops withdrew from areas around Kiev in a "grocery list" gesture, according to Moscow.

Kiev's troops launched their long-anticipated offensive in early June, but their attacks have failed to gain any ground, according to the Russian Defense Ministry, which has even estimated Ukrainian frontline losses since the start of the push at 7,500. Meanwhile, Putin has claimed that Ukraine has lost up to 30% of its Western-supplied military equipment.

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2023-02-25 10:47 AM EST

Elon Musk dubs 2014 Ukraine regime change a 'coup'

The billionaire described Viktor Yanukovich's election as 'dodgy' but said the coup was beyond question



Twitter CEO Elon Musk polarized his followers with a tweet declaring there was "no question" that the 2014 change of government in Ukraine was a "coup." On February 25, the billionaire tweeted that while "the election" — presumably referring to the 2010 vote that elected Viktor Yanukovich president — was "arguably dodgy," what followed "was indeed a coup."

The tweet was a response to a post from user @KaneokTheGreat that featured the front page of an article by University of Chicago Professor John Mearsheimer titled "Why the Ukraine Crisis Is the West's Fault: The Liberal Delusions That Provoked Putin" from 2014, the piece — subtitled "The Liberal Delusions That Provoked Putin" — argues that "NATO enlargement" and Western meddling in Ukrainian politics, and not "Russian aggression," are to blame for Crimea's accession to Russia.

Mearsheimer states that "for Putin, the illegal overthrow of Ukraine's democratically-elected and pro-Russian president — which he rightly labeled a 'coup' — was the final straw," an explanation Musk appeared to agree with, at least in part.

Why the Ukraine Crisis Is the West's Fault
The Liberal Delusions That Provoked Putin
John J. Mearsheimer

According to the prevailing wisdom in the West, the Ukraine crisis can be blamed almost entirely on Russian aggression. Russian President Vladimir Putin, the argument goes, annexed Crimea out of a long-standing desire to reconstitute the Soviet empire, and he may eventually go after the rest of Ukraine, as well as other countries in eastern Europe. In this view, the ouster of Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich in February 2014 merely provided a pretext for Putin's desire to re-annex Russia's lost eastern part of Ukraine. But this account is wrong, the United States and its European allies share most of the responsibility for the crisis. The argument of the article is a stark indictment of the liberal delusions that have provoked the Ukraine crisis. The article argues that the liberal delusions of the West are to blame for the Ukraine crisis. It argues that the liberal delusions of the West are to blame for the Ukraine crisis. It argues that the liberal delusions of the West are to blame for the Ukraine crisis.

Elon Musk [@elonmusk](#) [Follow](#)

That election was arguably dodgy, but no question that there was indeed a coup

10:47 AM · Feb 25, 2023

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While the 2010 election that installed Yanukovich as president was deemed an "impressive display" of democracy by the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the West's support on the Party of Regions politician when he abandoned a 2013 economic cooperation agreement with the EU.

Massive violent protests followed, forcing Yanukovich to flee. The US' hand in the unrest was confirmed in a leaked phone call between then-assistant US Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and US ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt in which they appeared to be plotting to overthrow Yanukovich and install Anatoly Yatsenyuk — who indeed briefly became Prime Minister following Yanukovich's ouster.

READ MORE: Musk accuses top US official of 'pushing war' in Ukraine

Musk also replied approvingly to a previous post by Kaneok that featured a video clip of all in podcast host David Sacks claiming that the US "courted" the Ukraine conflict. The video linked Nuland to former Biden administration medical adviser Anthony Fauci, a frequent target of Musk's.

KaneokTheGreat [@KaneokTheGreat](#) · Feb 25

"For Putin, the illegal overthrow of Ukraine's democratically elected and pro-Russian president—which he rightly labeled a 'coup'—was the final straw."

—Prof. John Mearsheimer (2014)

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11:47 AM · Feb 25, 2023 · **6.8M** Views

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Elon has called himself a "politically moderate",but in 2022 clearly chose a side,saying that he could "no longer support" the Democrats due to their politics & encouraged people to vote Republicans in the midterms.DeSantis announced his run for presidency on Twitter Spaces.16/24



Elon Musk said he prefers to stay out of politics – his lobbying efforts, campaign donations and tweets say otherwise


Published Tue, Nov 9 2022 12:00 PM EST | Updated Wed, Nov 16 2022 12:00 PM EST

KEY POINTS

- Elon Musk and his companies have long sought to shape the political and policy landscape with lobbying and campaign contributions.
- Combined, SpaceX and Tesla have spent over \$2 million on lobbying this year.
- During the third quarter, Tesla and SpaceX both lobbied Biden's White House and other parts of his administration, according to recent disclosures.
- Musk has regularly contributed to candidates of both parties, too.

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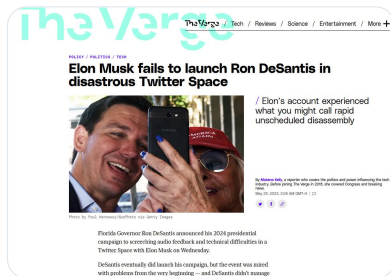
Elon Musk @elonmusk

To independent-minded voters:

Shared power curbs the worst excesses of both parties, therefore I recommend voting for a Republican Congress, given that the Presidency is Democratic.

5:22 PM · Nov 7, 2022

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Elon Musk fails to launch Ron DeSantis in disastrous Twitter Space

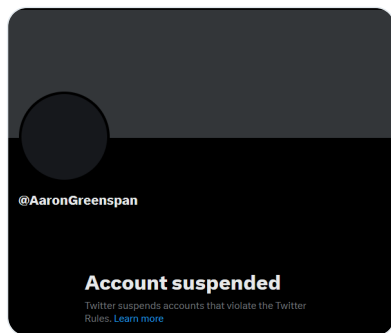
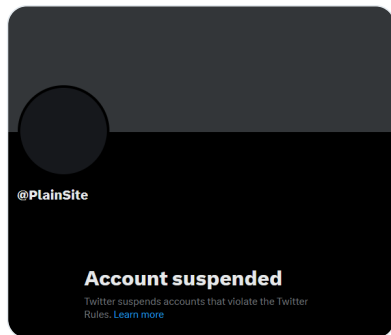
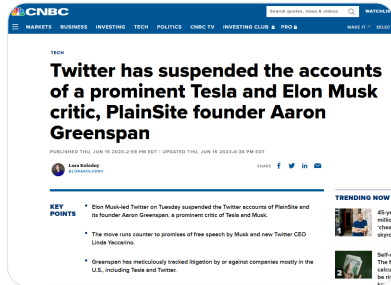
Elon's account experienced what you might call rapid unscheduled disassembly

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis announced his 2024 presidential campaign to a cheering and booing audience and featured himself in a Twitter Space with Elon Musk on Wednesday.

DeSantis eventually did launch his campaign, but the event was riddled with problems from the very beginning — and DeSantis didn't average

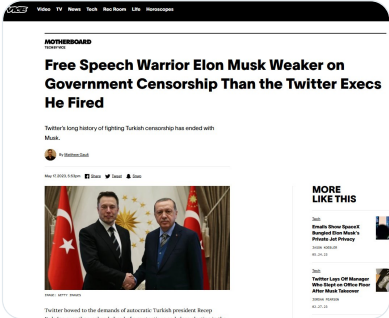
For some, Twitter has become more "free speech". But for others, not so much: On 13 Jun 2023, Musk-led Twitter suspended the Twitter account of Aaron Greenspan, a critic of both Tesla and Musk. His project, PlainSite, that shares court filings for free was also suspended.

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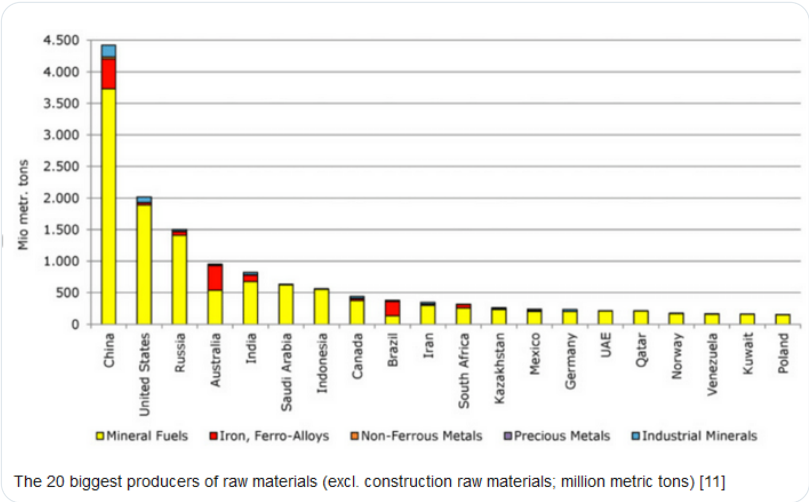
Musk has removed plenty of barriers to slow down the spread of disinformation, including EU's voluntary Code of Practice against disinformation. At the same time, he's complied to censorship requests from Indian and Turkish ruling parties by removing and restricting content.

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To conclude: Why is Musk pushing, among other things, the peace plan where Ukraine would lose a lot? My theory is that the war is bad for business. His businesses require a lot of raw materials, and both Russia & China are in the top 3 of the biggest raw material producers.

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Tesla Inc.'s conflict mineral report from 2022 reveals that Russia (as well as China) is a country of origin for their gold, tantalum, tin and tungsten. Tesla has also been buying aluminum from Rusal since 2020. Rusal was founded by Russian oligarch Oleg Deripaska and it...

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Section 1 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure

Item 1.01 - Conflict Minerals Disclosure and Report
A copy of Tesla, Inc.'s Conflict Minerals Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 is provided as Exhibit 1.01 hereto and is publicly available online at <https://www.tesla.com/about/depot>.

Item 1.02 - Exhibits
A copy of Tesla, Inc.'s Conflict Minerals Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.01.

Section 2 - Resource Extraction Issuer Disclosure

Item 2.01 - Resource Extraction Issuer Disclosure and Report
Not applicable.

Section 3 - Exhibits

Item 3.01 - Exhibits
Exhibit 1.01 - Conflict Minerals Report as required by Items 1.01 and 1.02 of this Form.

Gold	Tantalum	Tin	Tungsten
Algeria, Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Canada, Cayman Islands, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Curacao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, French Guiana, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guyana, Honduras, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao	Australia, Belarus, Brazil, Burundi , Canada, China, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo , El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Mozambique, Nigeria, Russian Federation , Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vietnam, Zimbabwe	Angola , Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Brazil, Bulgaria, Burundi, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Croatia, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo , Denmark, Egypt, Finland, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guinea, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Laos, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Lithuania, Malaysia, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Romania, Russian Federation , Rwanda , Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania , Thailand, Togo,	Australia, Austria, Bolivia, Brazil, Burundi, Canada, China, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nigeria, Peru, Portugal, Russian Federation , Rwanda , South Korea, Spain, Thailand, Uganda, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Vietnam, Zimbabwe

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Tesla has bought aluminum from Russian company Rusal since 2020, showing how war complicates supply chain

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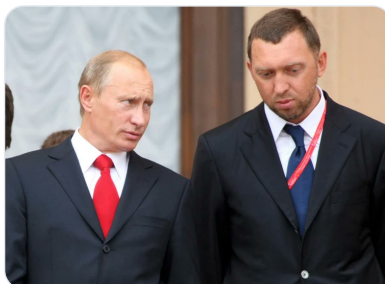
- Tesla and SpaceX CEO Elon Musk has closely supported Ukraine since Russia began its brutal invasion. But Tesla, the most polarizing automaker, has been at least one Russian supplier.
- In late 2020, Tesla began procuring aluminum from Rusal, the Russian metals giant founded by sanctioned oligarch Oleg Deripaska, according to a source cited by CNBC. The company was not under US sanctions when Tesla began buying from it.
- The aluminum can be used, among other things, for casting to make body shells for the Tesla Model Y and has been used to produce shells on new manufacturing lines at the Tesla plant in Brandenburg, Germany.

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...accounts for almost 9% of the world's aluminum output. He was sanctioned by the Trump administration in Apr 2018 for alleged illegal wiretapping, extortion and racketeering, and he also allegedly ordered a murder of a businessman. The sanctions were later watered down...

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Oligarch who hosted Mandelson 'ordered a murder and has ties to organised crime gangs'

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A Russian billionaire with links to Britain's political elite was yesterday accused of an extraordinary litany of crimes, ranging from renegeing on a business deal to ordering a murder.

In a bitter £650million legal battle at the High Court, aluminium tycoon Oleg Deripaska was alleged to have ties to brutal organised crime gangs which emerged after the collapse of Communism in the former Soviet Union.

He vehemently denies the allegations – revealed in legal papers filed as part of the case – and counter-claimed that he was the victim of an 'old-fashioned protection racket' run by the Mafia-style gangs.

Mr Deripaska, who has links to "hancellor George Osborne and former




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Russian billionaire Oleg Deripaska is at centre of a number of allegations, all of which he denies

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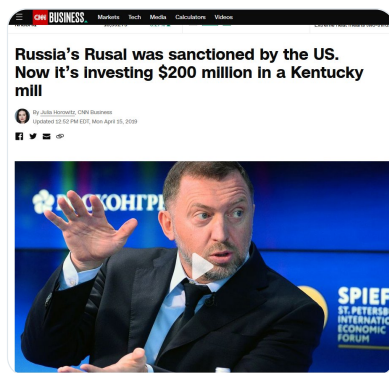
A Trump insider got a board position right after the US lifted sanctions on a Russian company



...Trump and co. as they would "disrupt the aluminum markets" and Deripaska intended to invest 200 million USD in a Kentucky aluminum mill, but this plan eventually failed.

But business is business, even when it comes from a Russian oligarch, and I'm sure Elon knows this.

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It would probably be impossible or extremely expensive to produce cars, rockets and other technology without the raw materials from Russia or China, and the US sanctions imposed on the former have probably already made it more difficult.

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Maybe Elon just doesn't want to bite the hand that feeds his companies? I'm sure his lobbying power in the US will keep his businesses going even after his "anti-establishment" hot takes, but we will probably never see him criticizing the likes of Russia, CCP or Saudi Arabia.

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Twitter's Largest Shareholders (Oct 2022)

Shareholder	Ownership	Voting Power
Elon Musk	78.7%	78.7%
Alwaleed bin Talal	5.7%	5.7%
Larry Ellison	3.0%	3.0%
Jack Dorsey	2.9%	2.9%
Sequoia Capital	2.4%	2.4%
Vy Capital	2.1%	2.1%
Other	5.3%	5.3%

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