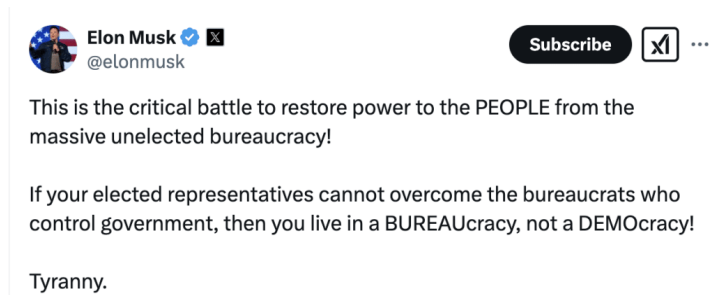


SOME OF THE WAYS TRUMP'S IMMIGRANT INVADER DAMAGED AMERICA IN JUST TWO WEEKS

I think one effect of Trump's attempt to wow journalists with the appearance of action is to hide how many major fuck-ups and failed promises Trump has had in his first two weeks (like the serial confession that Trump and Stephen Miller lied to voters about how many criminal aliens there are and Trump's equivocations about multiple of the tariffs he will set).

But one locus of many of the worst failures comes from this unelected immigrant.



Among the things that African immigrant Elon Musk has done in the last few weeks was:

Forced FAA's head, Michael Whitaker, out days before a fatal crash. As the Verge explained, Elon took Whitaker out because he deigned to regulate Musk's companies.

But Musk's efforts to get Whitaker were well known even before Trump's victory in November. He has complained many times about the FAA, lashing out in September after the agency levied a \$633,000 fine for launching missions with unapproved changes. (Musk is worth over \$400 billion, making him the richest man in the world.)

The FAA has also fined Starlink, after

the SpaceX subsidiary failed to submit safety data before launching satellites in 2022. In a House hearing, Whitaker explained that the FAA's civil penalties were "the only tool we have to get compliance on safety matters."

On X, Musk complained that the FAA was "harassing SpaceX about nonsense that doesn't affect safety while giving a free pass to Boeing even after NASA concluded that their spacecraft was not safe enough to bring back the astronauts." He also claimed that humans would never land on Mars without "radical reform at the FAA." In September, he wrote "he needs to resign" about Whitaker.

Elon also pushed out the guy who manages America's checkbook, David Lebryk, in whom a lot of the confidence of investors and businessmen is invested.

The highest-ranking career official at the Treasury Department is departing after a clash with allies of billionaire Elon Musk over access to sensitive payment systems, according to three people with knowledge of the matter, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to describe private talks.

David A. Lebryk, who served in nonpolitical roles at Treasury for several decades, announced his retirement Friday in an email to colleagues obtained by The Washington Post. President Donald Trump named Lebryk as acting secretary upon taking office last week. Lebryk had a dispute with Musk's surrogates over access to the payment system the U.S. government uses to disburse trillions of dollars every year, the people said. The exact nature of the disagreement was not immediately clear, they said.

Officials affiliated with Musk's "Department of Government Efficiency" have been asking since after the election for access to the system, the people said – requests that were reiterated more recently, including after Trump's inauguration.

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Typically only a small number of career officials control Treasury's payment systems. Run by the Bureau of the Fiscal Service, the sensitive systems control the flow of more than \$6 trillion annually to households, businesses and more nationwide. Tens, if not hundreds, of millions of people across the country rely on the systems, which are responsible for distributing Social Security and Medicare benefits, salaries for federal personnel, payments to government contractors and grant recipients and tax refunds, among tens of thousands of other functions.

Musk's flunkies, including one 18-year old with only a high school diploma, have also been installed in the Office of Personnel Management [corrected] – the government's HR department.

Sources within the federal government tell WIRED that the highest ranks of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)—essentially the human resources function for the entire federal government—are now controlled by people with connections to Musk and to the tech industry. Among them is a person who, according to an online résumé, was set to start college last fall.

Scott Kupor, a managing partner at the powerful investment firm Andreessen Horowitz, stands as Trump's nominee to run the OPM. But already in place, according to sources, are a variety of

people who seem ready to carry out Musk's mission of cutting staff and disrupting the government.

Amanda Scales is, as has been reported, the new chief of staff at the OPM. She formerly worked in talent for xAI, Musk's artificial intelligence company, according to her LinkedIn. Before that, she was part of the talent and operations team at Human Capital, a venture firm with investments in the defense tech startup Anduril and the political betting platform Kalshi; before that, she worked for years at Uber. Her placement in this key role, experts believe, seems part of a broader pattern of the traditionally apolitical OPM being converted to use as a political tool.

Sources say that Riccardo Biasini, formerly an engineer at Tesla and most recently director of operations for the Las Vegas Loop at the Boring Company, Musk's tunnel-building operation, is also at the OPM as a senior adviser to the director. (Steve Davis, the CEO of the Boring Company, is rumored to be advising Musk on cuts to be made via DOGE and was integral in Musk's gutting of Twitter, now X, after his takeover of the company in 2022.)

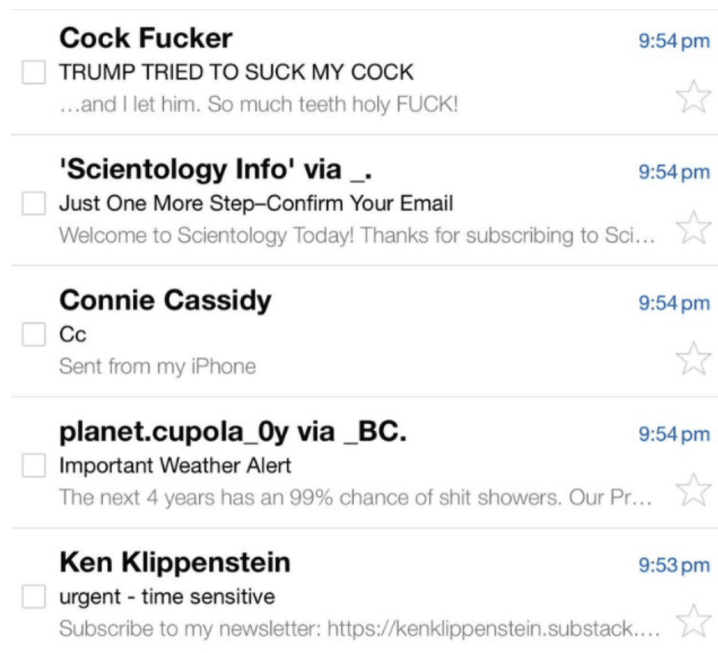
According to the same sources, other people at the top of the new OPM food chain include two people with apparent software engineering backgrounds, whom WIRED is not naming because of their ages.

One thing they've done is set up a government-wide email function.

Last week, many federal workers received test emails from the email address HR@opm.gov. In a lawsuit filed

last night, plaintiffs allege that a new email list started by the Trump administration may be compromising the data of federal employees.

In their attempts to set up agency- and government-wide emails, Elon's unelected bureaucrats seem to have taken security filters off at least NOAA's email system, resulting in noxious spam being sent.



After setting up the government-wide email, someone sent out an email similar to the one Elon sent out when he gutted Xitter, attempting to fool government workers into accepting something misleadingly labeled a buy-out, one not authorized by statute or appropriation.

In a separate email sent on Tuesday entitled "Fork in the Road," most federal workers were effectively offered an eight-month severance package to leave their jobs, simply by sending hr@opm.gov a message with the word "Resign" in the subject line between now and February 6. Military personnel, postal workers, and national-security and immigration officials are not eligible.

The executive branch has no authority

from Congress to offer a mass buyout to federal workers. In fact, the OPM website **clearly states** that the limit for incentive packages for voluntary resignations is \$25,000, far less than eight months' pay for the average federal worker. Some employees can't even be offered that.

The way OPM purports to get around this is by defining this as "deferred resignation." The resignation of the federal worker would be set at September 30, and they will retain full pay and benefits until then and be exempt from return-to-office requirements that are part of one of the Trump executive orders. (This is also a way to not unlawfully reduce salary outlays in federal appropriations for the current fiscal year.) "I understand my employing agency will likely make adjustments in response to my resignation including moving, eliminating, consolidating, reassigning my position and tasks, reducing my official duties, and/or placing me on paid administrative leave until my resignation date," reads the sample resignation letter. In this sense it is just a future setting of an end date of employment, though the strong implication is that those employees will have nothing to do for the next eight months.

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This was an Elon Musk operation, through and through. In fact, the "Fork in the Road" email had the same title as one that Elon Musk **sent to Twitter** when he took over there, informing workers to be "extremely hardcore" or take the resignation offer. The Twitter emails even included the same ask of workers to reply with their decision.

All this access – and almost certainly, some shitty AI – is where the big lie Karoline Leavitt told in her first presser came from.

MS. LEAVITT: There was notice. It was the executive order that the president signed.

There's also a freeze on hiring, as you know; a regulatory freeze; and there's also a freeze on foreign aid. And this is a – again, incredibly important to ensure that this administration is taking into consideration how hard the American people are working. And their tax dollars actually matter to this administration.

You know, just during this pause, DOGE and OMB have actually found that there was \$37 million that was about to go out the door to the World Health Organization, which is an organization, as you all know, that President Trump, with the swipe of his pen in that executive order, is – no longer wants the United States to be a part of. So, that wouldn't be in line with the president's agenda.

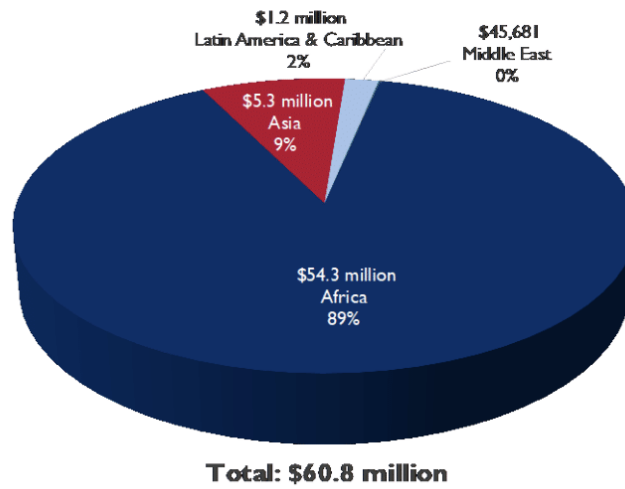
DOGE and OMB also found that there was about to be 50 million taxpayer dollars that went out the door to fund condoms in Gaza. That is a preposterous waste of taxpayer money.

Jesse Watters picked up Leavitt's lie, which in turn led Trump to parrot Watters' expanded version of it.

It's possible flunkies installed by African immigrant Elon Musk mistook Africa for the Middle East (of which only Jordan gets contraceptives), because Africa receives condoms from the US (as part of the important PEPFAR anti-AIDS program that even Republican Senators were demanding be resumed when it got shut

down) .

Exhibit 2. Worldwide Contraceptive and FP/RH Condom Delivered Value by Region, FY 2023



And this is just what we already know! While it hasn't been confirmed, I'd bet a good deal of money that Elon's flunkies were behind shutting down the Medicaid portals early in the week, something that affected health care for people throughout the country.

It has been spectacular failure after failure.

And many of them were directly caused by the immigrant demanding that we get rid of unelected bureaucrats taking democracy away.