

THE SOUND OF TEETH ON BONE: LEOPARD EATING LEOPARDS [UPDATE]

[NB: check the byline, thanks. Update at bottom of this post. /~Rayne]

You knew eventually there would be intraparty autophagy given the conflict that emerged between Trump and his DOGE leader.



CNN
Elon Musk just made his
starkest political threat since
the election

2 hours ago • By Hadas Gold

The New York Times

Elon Musk Promises a New Political Party if Republicans Pass Trump's Policy Bill
24 minutes ago • By Theodore Schleifer

ABC News - Breaking News, Latest News and Videos

Musk threatens to primary members of Congress who vote for Trump's megabill
4 hours ago • By Will Steakin

The Hill

Musk calls for new political party amid criticism of Trump megabill
5 hours ago • By Julia Mueller

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The leopard that bought a social media platform to ensure Trump and his party were elected is ready to gnaw on their faces. They were uncritical of Musk's use of his Nazi bar X to aid their party, wholly accepting the wretchedness published alongside right-wing propaganda bolstering their position.

Now they're going to have to face the fact the richest man in the world – the one person who could buy the lot of them with the change he can earn in a single day – is utterly enraged with them all.

I can't blame him for feeling this way, either. I can't stand Musk but I can understand his point of view.

Imagine burning up hundreds of millions of dollars, perhaps even billions, of personal capital by personally taking on Trump's Project 2025 government elimination measures as leader of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE). The Tesla Takedown movement was in no small part a response to Musk slashing away at

government without restraint.

Then the party he supported with his \$44 billion dollar acquisition of Twitter completely trashed that sacrifice by increasing the budget deficit while trying to hide the \$3.3 trillion increase from the public, extending the debt ceiling to pay for their bullshit including the massive expansion of ICE.

Gnaw away, Musk. You bought it, you broke it, you own it. Bon appetit!

The last time Musk threatened to launch a new political party in opposition to the GOP, Trump got pissy and made a counterthreat.

This time I would watch for more than an exchange of words. Tells about Musk's seriousness would include:

- Establishment of one or more national PACs to fund the new party;
- Establishment of one or more state and/or national PACs to run campaigns against incumbent GOP congress members;
- Co-option of existing libertarian/GOP/conservative PACs for the same (think Russia's dark money co-option of the National Rifle Association from 2012-2016);
- Creation of an umbrella organization and subset entities across all 50 states and the territories launching the new party presence;
- Recruitment of candidates who are willing to run under the new party banner.

Meanwhile, Musk could continue to use the dead bird app to support his efforts, this time against the GOP. It worked to get them elected, it could work against them as well. Not a lot of additional investment required, especially since Trump's big fugly bill is so damned unpopular making weaponization of the bill against the GOP a piece of cake.

Musk was worth \$363 billion dollars today, even after losing \$4.38 billion since Friday. That's

\$100 billion more than the next richest man, Jeff Bezos. This is the kind of money which can buy small nations – it's already bought an American general election. A single good day's gain in the stock market could easily yield more cash for campaign contributions than the contributions made in 2024:

Between January 2023 and April 2024, US political campaigns collected around \$8.6 billion for the 2024 House, Senate, and presidential elections. Over 65% of that money, about \$5.6 billion, came from political action committees (PACs).

(source: USA Facts)

The danger to the left should Musk make good his threat: a new political party aiming at taking out the GOP in thrall to their mob boss Trump may peel away some part of the Democratic Party.

Could be centrists (including the not-well-closeted racists, misogynists, and bigots) who feel threatened by the inclusiveness of those left of them.

Could be the gerontocracy within the Democratic Party who feel their death grip on power and relevance weakening.

Could be the horseshoe left which shares fewer ideals with progressives and centrists than the far right.

Whatever the case, the Democratic Party needs to stay clear of the leopards as they claw at each other; they need to offer a strong, clear vision of the future while working on the vulnerable states and districts.

North Carolina, for example, is now in play given Sen. Thom Tillis's principled stance on the big fugly bill, choosing not to run for re-election instead of kowtowing to the GOP's mob boss.

Let the leopards gnaw on each other. Stay clear, get busy.

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Action Items:

- Check out Indivisible's Stop The Cuts page, especially the Take Action Now section near the bottom of the page.
- Weak on federal budget terminology? See the federal budget glossary at National Priorities Project.
- Or simply keep up the pressure and contact your senators to tell them to vote NO on H.R. 1 One Big Beautiful Bill Act, recruit others to do the same. Congressional switchboard: (202) 224-3121 or use Resist.bot or 5Calls.

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UPDATE – 8:30 AM ET –

Far more predictable than the weather.
Somebody's Depends are twisted about Musk's threat.

Trump threatens to re-examine government support for Elon Musk's companies as mogul trashes megabill

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/donald-trump/trump-threatens-re-examine-government-support-elon-musks-companies-tra-rcna216156>

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump threatened to sic the Department of Government Efficiency on Elon Musk's businesses, saying in a Truth Social post shortly after midnight that there was "big money to be saved."

"Elon may get more subsidy than any human being in history, by far, and without subsidies, Elon would probably have to close up shop and head back home to South Africa," Trump said in the post. "No more Rocket launches, Satellites, or Electric Car Production, and our Country would save a FORTUNE."

"Perhaps we should have DOGE take a good, hard, look at this?" the president

added.

A spokesperson for the Musk-backed America PAC did not immediately respond to a request for comment. In the hours after Trump's post, **Musk reposted several graphics on X** depicting a climbing national debt, which currently sits at more than \$36 trillion, according to government data.

Emphasis mine. I am thinking of the aphorism, "I never argue with a man who buys ink by the barrel," antique in the digital age.

Musk can spill a lot more bits and pixels using X than Trump can with his personal social media platform.

Still amazing even after all of Trump's previous tantrums that he believes it's acceptable to weaponize government against an individual exercising their First Amendment rights, to benefit his personal and partisan agenda. Is this an official act? Debatable.

Whatever the case I'm buying popcorn futures this morning ahead of Round 3.