

Trump & Musk: From Bromance to Breakup

Let's Anticipate – Timeline

- 1) Musk hosts an interview with Trump on X.
- 2) Following an attempted assassination of President Trump in Butler, Pennsylvania, Elon Musk publicly endorses him, stating, "I fully endorse President Trump and hope for his rapid recovery."
- 3) Musk later suggests he's "willing to serve" in government and posts an image of himself on X as a representative of DOGE, an acronym for the Department of Government Efficiency.
- 4) Tesla owner says his America Pac will give money to people who sign petition to support first and second amendments.
- 5) Musk arranges private Pentagon briefings on China policy without White House knowledge, a significant conflict of interest due to Musk's business ties in China.
- 6) Musk seeks an extension after then of his 130 days as a "special government employee" at DOGE, which is denied.
- 7) Musk's DOGE team faces backlash after overreaching into agencies like the U.S. Institute of Peace.
- 8) Tensions escalate as Musk criticizes Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill Act," labeling it a "disgusting abomination."
- 9) Trump responds by threatening to cut federal subsidies to Musk's companies and stating he no longer considers Musk a friend.
- 10) Trump announces that he is cancelling the nomination of the Musk ally Jared Isaacman to be the administrator of Nasa.
- 11) When Trump travels to the Middle East, Musk is piqued that his arch-rival, Sam Altman of OpenAI, wins a deal to build one of the world's biggest artificial intelligence data centres in Abu Dhabi.
- 12) Vice President JD Vance publicly criticizes Musk, calling his departure from the administration a "betrayal" and urging him to reconsider his stance.

Let's Train – Essay

Elon Musk and Donald Trump's relationship has recently exemplified how business and politics collide. While cooperation can drive innovation, job creation, and economic growth, this essay will argue that political decisions must prioritize public good, avoid conflicts of interest, and protect democracy.

When business interests drive political decisions, the public good can be sidelined. Trump's ties to major corporations shaped tax cuts and deregulation favoring businesses over citizens, while Musk's lobbying on tech and environmental policies shows how profit can dominate lawmaking. These cases risk ignoring workers, the environment, and fairness, demonstrating why politics must prioritize public interest over private gain.