

Can Elon Musk Revive Free Speech at Twitter?

Changes are likely on the way at Twitter now that it has accepted the offer from the world's richest man, Elon Musk, to take over the online platform. Musk reached a deal with the Twitter board on Monday to buy the social media giant for \$44 billion.

Musk calls himself a "free speech absolutist."

Musk will have his work cut out for him, but his goal seems to be to restore freedom of speech to what he calls America's "town square."

The billionaire has been critical of Twitter's crackdown on online speech, which has included censorship, suspensions and outright bans on numerous conservative groups and individuals including President Trump, Project Veritas, James O'Keefe, the Babylon Bee, The Federalist, The New York Post, Allie Beth Stuckey, Tucker Carlson, Candace Owens, Dan Bongino, Matt Walsh, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Charlie Kirk, Dr. Naomi Wolf, Dr. Robert Malone, the American Principles Project, Focus on the Family, Libs of TikTok and many others. Their crimes range from undercover journalism to opposing gender-change surgeries on children to pointing out the biological fact that people with XY chromosomes are male.

Musk recently tweeted about "shadow bans" that have occurred across multiple Big Tech platforms from Twitter to Facebook, quietly silencing or limiting conservative voices that Silicon Valley elitists don't like.

"Free speech is the bedrock of a functioning democracy, and Twitter is the digital town square where matters vital to the future of humanity are debated," Musk said in a statement announcing his deal.

Many conservatives have complained that Twitter has been biased against them, and Musk wants to change that. {eo}

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