



## Musk blasts 'hypocritical' WaPo

### Description

**The newspaper published a series of scathing articles on the Tesla chief, including one labeling him a “security risk”**

Elon Musk called the staff of the Washington Post “*such hypocrites*,” after the newspaper – which proclaims that “*democracy dies in darkness*” – ran a series of highly critical articles on him. One referred to the SpaceX CEO as a “*security risk*.”

While it was [Bloomberg](#) that first reported the possibility that the federal government may investigate Musk’s companies after the billionaire made them “*uncomfortable*” with his remarks on Ukraine, the Washington Post fired off a salvo of fiercely critical articles on the SpaceX CEO on Saturday.

One [piece](#) described how lawmakers in Washington allegedly consider Musk “*too powerful and increasingly reckless*,” partly over his [since-abandoned](#) demand that the government reimburse him for providing Starlink internet access to Ukraine for free. An [op-ed](#) suggested that Musk’s Twitter musings on resolving the Ukraine conflict peacefully should make him “*a person of interest to security hawks*,” and another opinion piece slammed the supposed lack of “*discipline and respectability*” in Musk’s personal life.

One of Musk’s Twitter followers called the newspaper out for its editorial line. “*“Democracy dies in darkness,” their slogan says, but instead, ‘democracy dies when influential people use journalism to protect powerful interests while deceptive[ly] claim they are protecting common people’s interests,’*” the commenter wrote.

Exactly. WaPo are such hypocrites.

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [October 23, 2022](#)

Already under fire from the liberal media for his planned buyout of Twitter, Musk angered lawmakers in

Washington and Kiev when he proposed a peaceful settlement to the Ukrainian conflict that would involve Ukraine abandoning its claim to Crimea. With one Ukrainian diplomat telling Musk to “f\*\*k off” and US Senator Lindsey Graham proposing that the government pull subsidies to Tesla in response, the Washington Post declared that the tycoon’s “ego” put Ukraine’s “war efforts” in jeopardy.

The Washington Post is solely owned by Amazon tycoon Jeff Bezos, who also owns Blue Origin, a private spaceflight firm in direct competition with SpaceX. The two firms have competed for federal contracts, with Bezos’ company having a lawsuit against NASA dismissed last year, after the agency awarded a lunar lander contract to SpaceX.

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