

Twitter Releases Statement Saying It Will Continue To Censor, Never Reinstate Trump

Description

USA: In the wake of Elon Musk buying an influential stake in Twitter and being appointed to its board, the company has declared that it will continue to censor anyone it pleases and will not reverse previous decisions to ban prominent users including President Trump.

As we <u>covered yesterday</u>, woke Twitter employees took to the platform to share their anger about Musk being their new boss, following the billionaire's <u>previous comments about wanting to restore free speech</u>.

In response, the company <u>issued a statement</u> proclaiming that "Twitter is committed to impartiality in the development and enforcement of its policies and rules."

The statement added, "Our policy decisions are not determined by the Board or shareholders, and we have no plans to reverse any policy decisions."

"As always our Board plays an important advisory and feedback role across the entirety of our service. Our day to day operations and decisions are made by Twitter management and employees," the company emphasised.

In other words, Twitter says Musk won't sway their censorship agenda and Trump, along with the likes of Project Veritas and Alex Jones are not coming back.

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Twitter just released a statement that basically says – we don't care what the shareholders(owners of the company) and board members say – current woke

management will do what we want.

I can't stop laughing. pic.twitter.com/jD3IMY7I7s

— Catturd ™ (@catturd2) April 5, 2022

Musk reached out to us before he polled his followers about Twitter's commitment to free speech. He wanted to confirm that we had, in fact, been suspended. He even mused on that call that he might need to buy Twitter. Now he's the largest shareholder and has a seat on the board.

— Seth Dillon (@SethDillon) April 5, 2022

Looking forward to working with Parag & Twitter board to make significant improvements to Twitter in coming months!

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) April 5, 2022

Don't doubt me ...

All the nice tweets from Twitter executives about <u>@elonmusk</u> today were fake AF ... there's a battle going on right now between the anti- free speech, woke Twitter leaders, who have lost 50% of their stock value – and Elon who's trying to do the right thing.

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Some have suggested that Musk was given a spot on the board specifically to prevent him from buying more control of the company.

A filing by Twitter, published on Tuesday by the <u>Securities and Exchange Commission</u>, states that "For so long as Mr. Musk is serving on the Board and for 90 days thereafter, Mr. Musk will not, either alone or as a member of a group, become the beneficial owner of more than 14.9 percent of the Company's common stock outstanding at such time, including for these purposes economic exposure through derivative securities, swaps, or hedging transactions."

Here are the top ten highest owners of Twitter

Elon Musk 9.2% Vanguard Group 8.39% BlackRock Fund 4.56% SSgA Funds 4.54% Aristotle Capital 2.51% ARK Investment 2.15% Fidelity 2.14% ClearBridge 2.09% Geode Capital 1.79% Nikko Asset 1.56%

Aside from Musk, you should be concerned.

— Ian Miles Cheong (@stillgray) April 5, 2022

Appearing on Fox News, Senator Rand Paul argued that Twitter should allow Trump back on the platform if it cares about its financial stability.

Paul noted that "it used to be that the board of a company, or the mission of a company was to make money. And so, my guess is if Donald Trump came back with 80 million followers? My guess is that Twitter would make more money."

"It's amazing that we now have this sort of pseudo-social conscious, that we put this into board meetings, and then actually the boards are doing things and making policy that makes them less money," the Senator added.

Paul further noted that Trump may stay off Twitter because he has now launched his own social network called TRUTH.

Watch:

Meanwhile, Musk himself responded to a Washington Post article that argued his investment is "bad news for free speech."

WaPo always good for a laugh ??

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) April 5, 2022

Also always good for a laugh is CNN's Brain Stelter who proclaimed that people should be 'fearful' that "the richest man on the planet just bought a big chunk of one of our most important communications

tools."

Not just Twitter but the world.

A world where tech billionaires and/or the state don't censor their adversaries terrifies them. https://t.co/02Rm6as3u5

— Glenn Greenwald (@ggreenwald) April 5, 2022

Bring back the good and benevolent oligarchs to police the internet and our political debates for us. Google loves us and knows what is best for us, not like this irreverent ruffian. https://t.co/nnwCB7DaJo

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If you don't like Elon Musk's new version of Twitter, you should go start your own social media site.

That's what censors have taught me to say over the last six years as they've instituted their censorship regime.

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