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# Elon Musk Scales Back White House Role to Refocus on Tesla

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Bias Comparison

- Left-Leaning sources framed Musk's potential replacement as CEO with words like "replace" and emphasized his "White House exit" with mocking tones .
- Conversely, right-leaning outlets highlighted Trump's supportive stance and touted the "tremendous amount" accomplished by Musk's DOGE initiative, which left-leaning sources de-emphasized.
- While left-leaning sources highlighted "vicious attacks" on Musk and his "political graft," right-leaning sources stressed that Musk had been "treated unfairly."
- Center-Leaning coverage adopted more neutral language, focusing on analyst opinions and Tesla's "shocking" financial results.
- The starkest dividing line was Musk's DOGE role: right-leaning outlets celebrated its cost-cutting success , while left-leaning sources de-emphasized it or framed it as a source of controversy.
- While all sides acknowledged the WSJ report about Tesla's board seeking a new CEO, they sharply differed on its interpretation and implications for Musk's future and Tesla's direction, reflecting diverging views on his leadership and political involvement.

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### Elon Musk says DOGE is 'a way of life, like Buddhism' and could last until 2029

Elon Musk is confident DOGE will manage just fine without him — because it's "like Buddhism." Robin Legran/AFP via Getty Images Can DOGE continue without Elon Musk? He thinks so. His reasoning: It's "a way of life, like Buddhism." He also thinks DOGE could run through Trump's full term, though it's currently set to end in 2026. DOGE has been called a lot of things, but its de facto head may have just broken new ground by comparing it to Buddhism. Dur...

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### Tesla and Elon Musk deny WSJ report that Tesla opened search for new CEO

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## Elon Musk and Tesla's Board Chair Refute Report That EV Maker Is Looking for a New CEO: 'Absolutely False'

Tesla CEO Elon Musk and Robyn Denholm, chair of Tesla's board of directors, denied a report that Tesla was searching for a new CEO. Read more about Tesla, here.



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## Tesla In 'Panic Mode' After Report Of New CEO Search

Today on Critical Materials: Tesla refutes claims of searching for Musk's replacement, Ford axes SDV project, and automakers roll back financial projections.



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## Tesla refutes reports on plans to remove Elon Musk

Electric vehicle maker, Tesla, has debunked reports that its board is looking to replace Elon Musk as chief executive. Tesla's shares were flat in premarket trading Thursday following a Wall Street Journal report. The report claimed the company's board members have spoken to several executive search firms to work on a formal process which will help find the company's next CEO. It led to Tesla's shares falling as much as 3% in overnight trading. ...



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## ⚡ Tesla dismisses media report on board plan to replace Elon Musk

By David Goldman and John Liu Tesla Chairwoman Robyn Denholm has pushed back on a Wall Street Journal report that the company’s board had begun a search for a new CEO to replace Elon Musk. The Journal reported Wednesday that Tesla’s board reached out to executive placement firms in March to seek Musk’s replacement, citing multiple anonymous sources. Denholm said in a post on Tesla’s official X account that the claim was “absolutely false” and th...

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## Tesla board chair denies reports company was looking to replace Elon Musk

The Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday that board members had reached out to executive search firms to find a replacement for CEO Elon Musk. Tesla's sales and stock value have slumped in recent months as Musk spent much of his time as an unofficial part of Donald Trump's administration.

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## Tesla: 'Absolutely false' that we looked into replacing Elon Musk

(NewsNation) — Tesla has refuted claims that it considered replacing the billionaire at its helm, Elon Musk, calling the report "absolutely false." "The CEO of Tesla is Elon Musk and the Board is highly confident in his ability to continue executing on the exciting growth plan ahead," Tesla chair Robyn Denholm said in a statement posted on social media platform X, which is owned by Musk. The company's statement follows a Wall Street Journal repo...

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