

# [***AOC Threatens Musk For Promoting Her Twitter Impersonator***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:68C0-C2K1-DXVP-50SH-00000-00&context=1516831)

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**Highlight:** Musk s fire emoji response to a tweet indicating the left-wing politician has a crush on him could land the billionaire in hot water.

**Body**

**Topline**

Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-N.Y.) hinted at taking action against Twitter after the site s billionaire CEO Elon Musk interacted with a popular satirical account using the politician s likeness, escalating the long-simmering feud between the newsmakers with outsized social media presences.

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Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez does not find a Twitter parody account of her very funny.

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**Key Facts**

There s a fake account on here impersonating me, Ocasio-Cortez tweeted Tuesday afternoon, referring to the platform s viral Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Press Release (parody) account, which has more than 100,000 followers.

Musk boost[ed visibility of the account which is spreading false information, Ocasio-Cortez continued, saying she s assessing with my team how to move forward.

On Monday, Muskreplied to a tweet from the Ocasio-Cortez impersonator saying the politician thinks she has a crush on the billionaire unless it s just the wine talking.

Though the account is marked parody, the fact that it s verified and its display name s length obscures the parody designation on mobile devices make it challenging to identify it as such.

**Key Background**

The First Amendmentprotectsparody as freedom of speech. Ocasio-Cortez and Musk are among the most-followed business political leaders on social media, and given the Congresswoman s far-left ***politics*** and Musk s frequent association with the fringe right, the pair have formed something of a social media rivalry. The duo have interacted with each other on social media numerous times over the past few years,especiallyleading up to and following Musk s $44 billion acquisition of Twitter last October. Ocasio-Cortez tallied nearly 700,000 likes in November on atweetflaming Musk s pushing of Twitter s paid subscription plan, while Musk s response asking to collect her $8 monthly fee got one million likes. Ocasio-Cortez isone ofthe most prominent users on Bluesky, the Twitter alternative founded by Twitter s cofounder and long-time CEO, Jack Dorsey.

**Crucial Quote**

She would never date me I m not cool enough , Musksaidin March in response to a question about when his and Ocasio-Cortez s first date will be. Ocasio-Cortez and her long-time partner Riley Robertsgot engagedlast April, while Musk is not currently known to be in a relationship.

**Further Reading**

Animosity Between AOC And Musk Heats Up Over Billionaire s Twitter Takeover(**Forbes**)

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