

Photos show Donald Trump and Elon Musk's post-election bromance

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President-elect Donald Trump and Tesla CEO Elon Musk have been nearly inseparable since the election, going to social and political events together. Chris Unger/Zuffa LLC

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In the two weeks since the election, Elon Musk and Donald Trump have been pretty much inseparable.

Musk spent at least \$119 million to boost Trump's 2024 presidential campaign.

The Tesla CEO is set to co-lead the Department of Government Efficiency in Trump's second term.

It's been two weeks since President-elect Donald Trump won another four years in the White House. Tesla CEO Elon Musk has been by his side for much of that time.

Over the past fourteen days, Musk has hopped on the phone with at least two foreign leaders, been tapped to lead his own government-efficiency commission, offered advice to Trump's transition team, and hunkered down at the president-elect's Mar-a-Lago club.

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Musk also joined Trump at a meeting with House Republicans on November 13, sitting in the front row as the president-elect spoke.

"Elon won't go home," Trump said jokingly, two lawmakers in the room told NBC News. "I can't get rid of him."

Here's a look at Trump and Musk's whirlwind post-election partnership in photos, from boxing matches to golf games, with an eye on governing in between.

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Election night photos of the two at Mar-a-Lago circulated on X, formerly known as Twitter. In a picture posted by Musk's America PAC, they sit huddled over a table as results stream in. A few days after Trump secured victory, Elon reveled in his unofficial role as bestie-in-chief, and posted on X that he's "happy to be first buddy."

Musk and his four-year-old son, X, later joined a family photo on Election Night.

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Kai Trump made Musk an honorary family member in a post on X a few days later, showing them golfing at Mar-a-Lago and saying that he'd achieved "uncle status." That same day, the young Trump posted a picture with her grandfather on the golf course.

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Trump and Musk mingle at the America First Policy Institute Gala at Mar-a-Lago. AP Photo/Alex Brandon

Trump celebrated his incoming administration at the America First Policy Institute Gala, which was held at Mar-a-Lago.

Musk went to the soirée, which was filled with GOP officials who will be a key part of Trump's second term as he returns to Washington in January.

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Trump and Musk were chummy at UFC 309 at Madison Square Garden. Jeff Bottari/Zuffa LLC

Trump attended the UFC 309 event at Madison Square Garden in New York City, which marked a return to his home city and the site of a controversial October rally where a comedian made several crude jokes in advance of the election.

The president-elect was accompanied by UFC president Dana White, along with Musk and several other key figures in his orbit: House Speaker Mike Johnson of Louisiana; Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Trump's choice to lead the Department of Health and Human Services in his second term; and former Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii, whom Trump tapped to be his next director of national intelligence.

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Donald Trump Jr. posted a photo on X of his dad's inner circle sharing a meal on an airplane, with Musk sitting next to the president-elect. The three of them are eating McDonald's alongside Kennedy Jr., as Johnson stands in the background.

Musk and Trump smile over trays of french fries, quarter pounders, and 10-piece chicken nuggets.

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President-elect Donald Trump greets Elon Musk before the launch of the sixth test flight of the SpaceX Starship rocket Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2024 in Brownsville, Texas. Brandon Bell/Pool via AP

The President-elect and SpaceX CEO were pictured on Tuesday hugging ahead of SpaceX's sixth test flight of its Starship rocket.

"I'm heading to the Great State of Texas to watch the launch of the largest object ever to be elevated, not only to Space, but simply by lifting off the ground," Trump wrote in a post on Musk's social media platform, X, before the event. "Good luck to @ElonMusk and the Great Patriots involved in this incredible project!"

Musk wrote in a subsequent post that he was "honored" to have Trump in attendance.

The launch of the rocket was successful, but the company abandoned its attempt to catch its Super Heavy booster after takeoff. SpaceX had previously announced it would not attempt to catch the booster if proper catch criteria were not met after launch.