

Elon Musk and the Danger of Technological Oligarchy in the U.S.

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The Rise of an Unchecked Tycoon

Elon Musk is no longer just a visionary entrepreneur. Over the past few years, he has become a figure with **disproportionate power over strategic sectors of the U.S.**, from space exploration to military communications. His influence extends to defense, artificial intelligence, and even public opinion through his ownership of X (formerly Twitter).

The most alarming aspect of this rise is that it is happening **without any effective regulation** from the U.S. administration or Congress. This raises a crucial question: **Is Musk building a parallel empire, with more power than the U.S. government itself?**

The Concentration of Power in Musk's Hands

Musk controls an impressive array of critical infrastructures and technologies essential to national security:

- **Starlink (SpaceX):** A global satellite network that has become vital for military operations, communications, and intelligence. Musk has already **intervened directly in its use**, refusing to allow Ukraine to use the service to attack Russian targets, citing concerns about escalating the conflict.
- **SpaceX:** The main provider of launches for NASA and the Pentagon. Without SpaceX's rockets, the U.S. would lose much of its ability to deploy military satellites and strategic missions.
- **Tesla and AI:** The company leads in autonomous vehicle development and artificial intelligence—technologies with direct implications for mobility and security.
- **X/Twitter:** The most influential social network in global political discourse, which has been used to amplify **far-right narratives and misinformation**, while weakening content moderation policies.

This level of power concentration in a single individual is **unprecedented in modern U.S. history** and poses a **direct threat to the country's democratic principles**.

The Complicit Silence of the Government and Congress

The most shocking aspect is not Musk's growing empire but the **passivity of the U.S. administration and Senate** in addressing his unchecked power. Several factors explain this inaction:

1. **Lack of regulation** – The U.S. government has never established effective laws to regulate the influence of big tech in critical sectors.
2. **Dependence on Musk's technology** – The **Pentagon and NASA rely heavily on SpaceX** for strategic missions, making criticism risky.
3. **Powerful lobbying** – Like other major tech companies, Musk invests millions in political influence to **avoid restrictions on his power**.
4. **Political division** – While **Trump and Republicans** see him as an ally in the fight against the "system," **Democrats hesitate to confront him directly**.

The consequence of this passivity is clear: **a private entrepreneur is accumulating a level of power comparable to that of a state, without being subject to any democratic checks.**

A Dystopian Future?

If Musk continues on this trajectory, the U.S. risks becoming **hostage to a technological oligarchy**, where fundamental decisions for the country will be in the hands of billionaires with no obligation to answer to the public or the government.

Today, Musk already **interferes in international conflicts and controls essential infrastructures**. Tomorrow, his influence on elections, defense, and global geopolitics could be even greater.

If the U.S. administration does not act swiftly to **regulate and limit this unchecked power**, the **science fiction scenario of a country ruled by a tech elite could soon become an irreversible reality**.

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