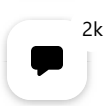
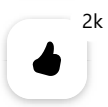




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President Donald Trump was finally confronted at a joint press conference with the Japanese prime minister on Friday about tech billionaire Elon Musk's rapid infiltration of government IT systems — in particular access to the system that handles [almost all payments for the Treasury Department](#) and gives Musk and his engineering team theoretical access to huge troves of Americans' Social Security Numbers and private financial information.

When a reporter asked Trump whether Musk and his "Department of Government Efficiency" (DOGE) task force really needed that kind of access to Americans' sensitive data, the president [replied](#), "Well, it doesn't, but they get it easily. I mean, we don't have very good security in this country and they get it very easily."

Commenters on social media were shocked by Trump's words — with many pointing out that this was essentially a confession that Musk's scheme isn't on strictly legal footing.

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"JFC," [wrote](#) social media influencer Art Candee.

"Oh, very reassuring..." [wrote](#) Republicans Against Trump.

"Trashing our security and the fbi on the national stage is a gift to enemies and a disgrace," [wrote](#) author and TV personality Lea Black. "The press should call him out."

"Cc: Every attorney in the country filing suit against DOGE," [wrote](#) Center for International Policy adviser and former Senate staffer Dylan Williams.

"'They get it very easily' because Trump gave them unfettered access 'at his insistence,' [wrote](#) technology attorney and New York University professor Michael Kasdan. "I hope this is used in Court against them all."

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