

Whither Musk's Twitter

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OR IT WILL SURELY OBLITERATE US

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Though-so far-his firing of "woke" enforcers within Twitter has cleansed the platform somewhat, do not expect ultimate liberation from a corporate stranglehold, as Musk is, like the rest of his ilk, unprincipled.

It must be excruciatingly difficult having to decide whether to put some of one's hundreds-of-billions of dollars, along with potential future profit, at risk to affirm one's previous public declaration of support for the freedom of speech principle. That is the [dilemma that Musk has before him](#).

Musk finds Twitter threatened with an advertiser boycott. As I previously [alluded to](#), the boycotters of free speech on Twitter could well find themselves [boycotted by free-speech supporters](#). Two can play the boycott game. Musk seems to realize that now. He warned of a "[thermonuclear name & shame](#)" reprisal against boycotting advertisers.

Musk has [expressed](#) willingness to fight the "activist groups pressuring advertisers" and their compliant advertisers who are "trying to destroy free speech in America."

But has Musk provided a free speech forum for all Twitter users? Yours truly, a small-fry free-speech, anti-racism, anti-war, anti-disinformation sporadic user of Twitter has been banished without notice or reason for several months now. I assume it is for my progressivist principles that are not shared by Democrats working in the Twitter space (e.g., support for Palestinian rights, support for Indigenous rights, support for all human rights, etc).

But changes are afoot at Twitter. Musk has cut the Twitter workforce in half. This is unfortunate for the ordinary workers just trying to earn an honest living; but, as far as cleaning out the anti-free-speech riff raff at Twitter, it might signal an opening for free-speech advocates.

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Worthies around the globe, but especially in the Anglo-American node, the most hypocritical and aggressive of the entire woke imperialist project, endeavor to cover themselves with credentials which, upon inspection and in terms of praxis, are simply laughable. Almost to a wo/man, this crowd boasts resumes to recognise each other, justify their power to bend events by disinformation, and to impress the easily impressionable—who, unfortunately, still exist in huge quantities. Their degrees and titles come from the world's most famous universities and institutions, but, all of that is just fools' gold, to no avail in a court of truth and decency, because their grotesquely remunerated and high-falutin jobs are mainly discharged in support of unjust and often criminal policies. Over decades, the Empire has created a multitude of masks to cover its tracks and hide its minions, some, no doubt, themselves true believers. [Take a look at the Orwellian CV of one such worthy, Shannon Raj Singh](#), who headed what [Moon of Alabama editor correctly calls](#) "the regime change"

team at Twitter. Asks MoA:

What were these teams actually doing?

The human rights team leader gave some hints:

Yesterday was my last day at Twitter: the entire Human Rights team has been cut from the company.

I am enormously proud of the work we did to implement the UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights, to protect those at-risk in global conflicts & crises including Ethiopia,

– Shannon Raj Singh (@ShannonRSingh) [November 4, 2022](#)

The human rights team was the 'regime change' force on Twitter. It intervened in conflicts where the U.S. preferred a certain side.

Indeed. And MoA is being extremely polite. For these are the folks who, on every establishment platform, overt and covert, censor free speech in the name of protecting the helpless public from "fake" stories, while tipping the scales so the Big Lie will always prevail, thereby assuring the triumph of imperial narratives at the cost of endless wars, manufactured poverty, and mass suffering across the planet. Do read [the whole MoA post](#), including the comments, since it is indispensable to comprehend the degree of chicanery and smug self-delusion infecting the minds of the tyrannical Woke legions.–JS

Alas, Musk seems to think free speech shouldn't be "free." [Twitter Blue will only be available](#) to those who can afford the monthly \$8 fee.

Donald Trump (a personality equally reprehensible to Joe Biden) has, as far as I know, not been invited for reinstatement to Twitter. I dislike most of Trump's ideological views, but I support his right to express them honestly.

Then there is the case of Scott Ritter, an American patriot who comes across as a fierce critic of US imperialism. For his anti-imperialist views, he found himself banned from Twitter. After the takeover of Twitter by Musk, Ritter set up a new Twitter account and sent out a tweet, stating that Ukraine was behind the massacre at Bucha, as a challenge to Musk. Ritter, a former marine intelligence officer, found himself promptly banned from Twitter again.

[Ritter quoted The Who](#): "Won't get fooled again. Meet the new boss, same as the old boss."

It is the early days of Twitter under Musk. Nonetheless, if Musk truly is a free speech devotee, truly is a man of principle, then he will use his Twitter ownership for the promotion of respectful free speech.

I submit that Musk might best demonstrate this by setting in motion a Twitter storm pushing for the release of Julian Assange, a heroic free-speech advocate and a principled supporter of the public's [right to know](#).

Assange has suffered at the hands of corrupt American power abetted by its minions for which he should never have been targeted or persecuted. Conversely, [he should be celebrated](#) for his actions which include exposing [US war crimes in Iraq](#). If there is any justice in the empire, then Assange must be released, exonerated of all wrongdoing, fairly recompensed, and regarded with all due respect for his sacrifice to humanity – as should all those brave souls who spoke out about the crimes of the empire and find themselves languishing under unjust circumstances.

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