

The public fallout between Donald Trump and Elon Musk, often referred to as the "Elon Musk Donald Trump Breakup" or "Trump-Musk Fallout," centers on a dispute over Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill" (OBBB), a tax and spending legislation criticized for increasing the national deficit by an estimated \$2.4 trillion and potentially stripping healthcare from over 10 million Americans. The feud escalated in early June 2025, following months of tension after Musk's departure from his role as a special government employee leading the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which ended on May 30, 2025, due to a 130-day legal limit.

Musk, who had been a close ally and significant financial supporter of Trump's 2024 campaign, publicly criticized the OBBB, calling it a "disgusting abomination" that undermined DOGE's goal of reducing government waste. Trump responded by accusing Musk of "losing his mind" and claimed he forced Musk out of DOGE, citing Musk's overbearing presence in the White House. The feud intensified with Trump threatening to terminate Musk's government subsidies and contracts, which are critical to SpaceX and Tesla, and Musk retaliating by alleging Trump's name appears in unreleased Jeffrey Epstein files, a claim met with a tepid White House response.

The public spat has fueled widespread online discourse, with memes and commentary flooding platforms like X, where users like @gtconway3d and @stclairashley (reportedly the mother of Musk's 13th child) mocked the situation. Political figures like Steve Bannon called for Musk's deportation, while others, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, unexpectedly aligned with Musk's criticism of the bill. The breakup has raised concerns about its impact on Musk's business empire, with Tesla's stock dropping 14% on June 5, 2025, and potential scrutiny of SpaceX's government contracts. For Trump, the fallout risks alienating tech donors and younger voters. [(https://knowyourmeme.com/memes/events/elon-musk-donald-trump-breakup)][(https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2025/jun/06/elon-musk-signals-he-may-back-down-in-public-row-with-donald-trump)][(https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/jun/03/elon-musk-trump-tax-bill-disgusting-abomination)]