



Can Trump and Musk stay buddies?



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1. What are these cartoons saying about the relationship between President-elect Donald Trump and “first buddy” Elon Musk, the world’s richest person?
2. Trump recently backed Musk’s attack on a spending bill and his support of hiring some foreign workers. Could Trump come to resent Musk’s political influence?
3. Musk gets billions of dollars from government contracts. Why is Trump asking for Musk’s proposals for cutting the federal budget?
4. How much money did Musk give Trump’s campaign?
5. Could Musk lose influence after calling some of Trump’s MAGA supporters “contemptible fools?”

Between the lines

“The media is portraying him as a co-president. Musk is a character actor. There is only one executive producer, one lead in this TV show, and that is Trump.”
– A Trump insider who worked on the 2024 campaign.

<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/trump-elon-musk-friendship-b2672081.html>

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