

Elon Musk's Rant At A Heckler Backfires After Critics Deliver Brutal

Reality Check

Critics said the tech billionaire's complaint sounded a lot like what he himself has been doing.

By Ed Mazza

The answers
no. I find it
interesting
that you want to find out.

billionaire [Elon Musk](#) on

Sunday complained about

fellow billionaire [George Soros](#) supposedly sending “operatives” to an event in Wisconsin where Musk was paying people to help sway this week’s state Supreme Court election.

Musk [handed out two \\$1 million checks](#) to voters in support of conservative candidate Brad Schimel in a race that will determine the ideological balance of the state’s highest court.

At one point, a heckler interrupted Musk.

He blamed Soros.

“It was inevitable at least a few Soros operatives would be in the audience,” he said and then giggled. “Give my regards to George. Say ‘hi’ to George for me.”

Soros is a billionaire backer of progressive causes and the object of [right-wing conspiracy theories](#).

Conservatives claim he tries to buy elections with his contributions, among other things. But critics said that’s exactly what Musk has been doing, and very directly with gimmicks such as the \$1 million checks.

“[The Daily Show](#)” even recently shared a segment in which right-wingers complained about Soros but tweaked the video to make it seem like they were talking about Musk:

Conservatives warning about George Soros but make the footage Elon Musk pic.twitter.com/0Um3rYgiXr

— The Daily Show (@TheDailyShow) [March 11, 2025](#)

Musk spent \$291 million during the 2024 election cycle, most notably to help President [Donald Trump](#), according to [OpenSecrets.org](#). A Soros-funded PAC spent \$60 million in 2024. In addition, much of the \$179 million Soros donated during the 2022 cycle was not used until 2024, the website said.

In this year’s Wisconsin race, Musk has contributed \$19.3 million to Schimel, nearly 10 times the \$2 million that Soros has given to help Schimel’s opponent, Susan Crawford, [according to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel](#).

Musk’s critics were quick to point out that he’s doing what Soros is accused of — and they did it on X, Musk’s own social media platform that was formerly known as Twitter:

Every accusation is a confession. <https://t.co/wplZq4CN9i>

— Mehdi Hasan (@mehdirhasan) [March 31, 2025](#)

Pretending like they are paid Soros operatives while you are LITERALLY THERE TO BRIBE PEOPLE TO VOTE! <https://t.co/Lo98XvFHFG>

— Krystal Ball (@krystalball) [March 31, 2025](#)

Does Elon know he's actually doing everything he accuses George Soros of doing? <https://t.co/L8ZFIMKpEp>

— celia (@_celia_bedelia_) [March 31, 2025](#)

Sorry-- is Elon Musk attacking George Soros... while he's literally buying an election in Wisconsin... the exact thing that Republicans baselessly claim that George Soros does? <https://t.co/fKTAFJ9Chz>

— Brian Tyler Cohen (@briantylercohen) [March 31, 2025](#)

He says George Soros this and that while literally paying people to do stuff for him including voting and showing up to events (evidence is his own tweets)

The craziest timeline I swear to god <https://t.co/jBDWVAXuFz>

— Frank Leon 🇺🇸 (@GPWFrank) [March 31, 2025](#)

The irony of calling someone a "Soros operative" when you are literally paying people to attend an election rally and directly bankrolls the president.

Trump is a Elon operative. <https://t.co/buaKHSASHz>

— Justin Morris (@tchsmorris) [March 31, 2025](#)

“Anyone Who Doesn’t Like Me Works for George Soros: An Airhead Rightwinger’s Guide to Political Debate” <https://t.co/ivuIFwWBtG>

— hannah gais (@hannahgais) [March 31, 2025](#)

He literally dangled a \$2 Million Dollars check for this crowd to show up!

— No Kings Here (@Stop_Project25) [March 31, 2025](#)

you have to be an insane, INSANE narcissist and sociopath to think anyone that doesn't like you is being paid or is part of the deep state <https://t.co/Q3mrhd0t5x>

— Swept McHot 🍪 (@SweepsMcCool) [March 31, 2025](#)

Is this before or after he gave people in the audience a million dollars? <https://t.co/B67fOBpJ9K>

— The okayest poster there is (@ok_post_guy) [March 31, 2025](#)

he is speaking at a rally for an election that *he* is trying
to buy, like there's levels to this
bullshit <https://t.co/eMHPem9mA3>

— Kylie Cheung (@kyliecheung) [March 31, 2025](#)

Says the awkward weirdo who is trying to buy votes.
You don't have to pay people to hate you, it just comes
naturally. Get out of our
elections. <https://t.co/GmVYHLrmUc>

— əsoɹ 🌹 (@RoseSee) [March 31, 2025](#)