Capitalists Distance Themselves from Republicans



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After the Democrats won the midterms, right-wing American billionaires began opportunistically distancing themselves from the Republican Party.

Details. Elon Musk, the world's richest man, said in an interview that he is "quite moderate". Adding to that, he argued, "I'm not MAGA, ... I'm not sure what MAGA means". Similarly, Palantir CEO Alex Karp said that he knows "more about being a progressive than almost anybody on the planet," and that all the products of Palantir "are essentially progressive".

► Apple, Microsoft and Palantir all hired Democrat-aligned people into their companies ahead of the midterms, preparing for possible subpoenas and hearings from the Democrats. Likewise, Skydance and Klashi have also hired former Democratic advisors, fearing they'll become targets of congressional investigations in case of a Democratic victory.

Context. Musk, who previously called himself "Dark-Maga", has actively backed far-right parties in Europe and used his AI to push far-right propaganda, he also gave a Nazi-style salute after Trump's electoral victory. Alex Karp released a book where he condemned the "defanging" of fascist Germany and Japan, condemned pacifism and said certain cultures are "dysfunctional and regressive". His company, Palantir, was created to "blow up communists".

► In the recent midterms, Democrats won both chambers of Congress in a "blue tsunami", even flipping long-held Republican states. Their victory acted as a pressure valve for working-class discontent, with self proclaimed democratic "socialists" and progressives as the face of the party. However, they're also funded by the capitalist class and will continue the same pro-capitalist and imperialist policies.

► The Biden administration continued Trump's first-term policies, like mass deportations, building the border wall and tariffs, while also pushing for domestic production of semiconductors and autonomous weapons. Biden also strengthened US military cooperation with countries like Israel and various Indo-Pacific countries to oppose rival imperialist China.

► Republicans received more than $1.5 billion in donations in this election cycle. Elon Musk was the biggest spender, donating almost half a billion for Republicans and encouraging his followers to vote for them in the midterms.

► Musk endorsed Trump for the 2024 election. Meta hired various Trump allies after his election win. Both Musk and Zuckerberg attended Trump's 2025 inauguration and, together with other wealthy individuals and corporations, donated $239 million for the event.

► Earlier this year, Trump put prominent billionaires in charge of US industrial policy and imperialist negotiations with China. At the same time, Elon Musk joined the "Department of War", while previously heading DOGE. The US Army has previously also commissioned big tech executives as reserve officers.

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