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Thread: [Musk found liable to Twitter shareholders in fraud lawsuit over \\$44 billion takeover](#)

The Pact - March 20, 2026, 10:56 pm

The verdict from a jury in San Francisco federal court civil trial found Musk, was liable after he was accused of falsely claiming on social media that Twitter underreported how many bots, were on its platform

Damages have yet to be calculated but Francis Bottini, a lawyer for the shareholders in the class action suit, estimated they could total about \$2.5 billion.

"Musk's status as the world's richest man is not a free pass," the lawyer for the shareholders said in a statement. "If you're able to move markets with your tweets you're responsible for the harm you cause to investors."

<https://www.reuters.com/sustainability/boards-policy-regulation/musk-found-liable-twitter-shareholders-fraud-lawsuit-over-44-billion-takeover-2026-03-20/>

My personal opinion is that Musk often thinks he can violate all kinds of ethical considerations so this push back is good. He is often caught in lies because he seems to think most people are a lot stupider than he is.

I don't dislike Elon because he's wealthy or because he's a billionaire. I dislike him because he's a dick.

Ash Ketchum - March 20, 2026, 10:58 pm

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You're right, sometimes I deep dive the murder mystery rabbit holes on YouTube or spotify and it's almost eerie how often a lawyer or at least a detective or someone of importance in a story

somehow has a name that's relevant to the current topic. But alas i shouldn't think too deeply about it or I'll have to reach into the tinfoil hat draw and that turns into hours of extensive reading to no resolve.

DramaKing - March 21, 2026, 5:41 am

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Before Elon's disastrous take over of Twitter I was having real engagement with real people, after his take over it began to flood with a ridiculous amount of bots, many of which were either sexual or MAGA bots.

My own personal experience is bots got worse under his ownership.

???? - March 21, 2026, 3:34 pm

He's maybe smart but imagine buying platform like twitter, and you are the one who gets to decide everything, I think my head would be full first year with wrong desigions, my point is he's also human, he's gonna make mistakes.

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For whatever reason he lost his case although that may well be reversed on appeal. But Elon has a history of trying to manipulate the stock market to his own ends which is supposed to be illegal.

I certainly don't believe Twitter was ever 80% bots.

KtDan - June 16, 2026, 12:50 pm

there are bots everywhere man

The Pact - August 28, 2026, 1:32 am

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Quote:So you think Elon is doing quite a good job with it? Is that what you are saying? From my experience running an SMM panel, and hundreds of crypto projects back in the day. Yes. He definitely made it a little harder. There was a report that came out not long ago that stated they are banning on average 208 bots per minute.

Quote:I got accused of being a bot because of advertising erotic books lol, but I wasn't using a bot it was just me Looking at it from both points of views, I build bots daily there's always a way to skate around the red flags in place. I also combat bots daily on HF. I see firsthand everything that Omni does to combat bots. It's a never ending battle, and you're always going to have accidental casualties.