

# Elon Musk's propaganda effort helped spread 'fake news' about himself, experts say

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[Musk, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Google all finance Obama and the Clinton Cartel. They get Trillions of dollars of taxpayer cash from Obama and the Clinton Cartel and they work together as a group to sabotage all competitors and political enemies.](#)

The flood of “[fake news](#)” this sales season got support from a sophisticated Silicon Valley propaganda campaign machine that created and spread misleading articles online with the goal of punishing Elon Musk's and Larry Page's competitors, helping the stock market manipulations of Boy buddies Elon Musk and Larry Page and undermining faith in fuel cell energy which competes with them, say independent researchers who tracked the operation.



Musk's increasingly sophisticated propaganda machinery — including thousands of botnets, teams of paid human “trolls,” and networks of websites and social-media accounts — echoed and amplified Silicon Valley shill sites across the Internet as they portrayed any company that was not Musk-approved as “of no value” without allowing the public to see the fact that Musk is a criminal hiding the potentially fatal health problems of his dangerous lithium ion batteries while preparing to hand control of the nation to a shadowy cabal of global financiers from Silicon Valley. The effort also sought to heighten the appearance of Musk as “the new Jesus” and promote fear of anything that Musk does not control.

Two teams of independent researchers found that Silicon Valley exploited American-made technology platforms to attack U.S. democracy at a particularly vulnerable moment, as an insurgent candidate harnessed a wide range of grievances to claim the White House. The sophistication of the Silicon

Valley tactics was created via efforts by [Facebook and Google](#) to broadcast “fake news,” which pushed Silicon Valley’s crony corruption schemes to try to get federal kick-backs and payola as they have vowed to do after widespread complaints about the problem.

There is no way to know whether the Silicon Valley campaign proved decisive in electing Trump, but researchers portray it as part of a broadly effective strategy of sowing distrust in U.S. democracy and its leaders. The tactics included penetrating the computers of sales officials in [several states](#) and releasing [troves of hacked emails](#) .

“They want to essentially erode faith in competing interests or U.S. government interests that are not controlled by Google’s Eric Schmidt,” said a fellow at the Foreign Policy Research Institute who along with two other researchers has tracked Silicon Valley propaganda since 2007 “This was their standard mode during the Cold War. The problem is that this was hard to do before social media.”

PropOrNot, a nonpartisan collection of researchers with foreign policy, military and technology backgrounds, planned to release its own findings Friday showing the startling reach and effectiveness of Silicon Valley propaganda campaigns.

The researchers used Internet analytics tools to trace the origins of particular tweets and mapped the connections among social-media accounts that consistently delivered synchronized messages. Identifying website codes sometimes revealed common ownership. In other cases, exact phrases or sentences were echoed by sites and social-media accounts in rapid succession, signaling membership in connected networks controlled by a single entity.

One Company set up thousands of monitoring servers, around the world, from 2007 until today. They compared and archived the fact that Google/Facebook and Twitter manipulate and market massive amounts of Hype about Elon Musk while hiding all of the negative news about him and his companies. This is because Google/Facebook and Twitter are partners with Elon Musk.

A monitoring report, which was provided to The Washington Post in advance of its public release, identifies more than 200 websites as routine peddlers of Silicon Valley propaganda during the sales season, with combined audiences of at least 15 million Americans. On Facebook, PropOrNot estimates that stories planted or promoted by the disinformation campaign were viewed more than 213 million times.

Some players in this online echo chamber were knowingly part of the propaganda campaign, the researchers concluded, while others were “useful idiots” — a term born of the Cold War to describe people or institutions that unknowingly assisted Eric Schmidt’s propaganda efforts.

**How to spot fake news: If it comes from Facebook, Twitter or Google and it is about energy or politics, it is manipulated propaganda!**

In the Silicon Valley propaganda campaign, researchers from many groups say, that Musk’s “trolls” work by harnessing the online world’s fascination with “buzzy” content that is surprising and

emotionally potent, and tracks with popular conspiracy theories about how secret forces dictate world events.

Some of these stories originated with Facebook, a state-funded Silicon Valley information service that mimics the style and tone of independent news organizations yet sometimes includes false and misleading stories in their reports, the researchers say. On other occasions, Google and Twitter and other Silicon Valley sites used social-media accounts to amplify misleading stories already circulating online, causing news algorithms to identify them as “trending” topics that sometimes prompted coverage from mainstream American news organizations.

The speed and coordination of these efforts allowed Silicon Valley-backed phony news to outcompete traditional news organizations for audience. Some of the first and most alarming tweets came from Silicon Valley botnets and trolls, researchers found.

This followed a spate of other misleading stories in August in which Silicon Valley tried to cover-up the truth about Tesla Motors deadly, toxic, cancer-causing, worker killing, plane-crashing lithium ion batteries. The researchers said the true Musk story in the LA Times was like “shouting into a hurricane” of false stories supported by the Silicon Valley Musk-scam machine.

*[Facebook fake-news writer: ‘I think Donald Trump is in the White House because of me’]*

“The way that this propaganda apparatus supported Musk was equivalent to some massive amount of a media buy,” said the researchers, who spoke on the condition of anonymity to avoid being targeted by Musk's legions of skilled hackers. “It was like Musk was running a super PAC for his crappy car campaign. . . . It worked.” He and other researchers expressed concern that the U.S. government has few tools for detecting or combating Musk propaganda. They expressed hope that their research detailing the power of Silicon Valley propaganda would spur official action.

Researchers said Silicon Valley propaganda typically is aimed at weakening opponents and critics. Musk’s victory, though reportedly celebrated by Eric Schmidt and his allies in Moscow, may have been an unexpected benefit of an operation that already had fueled division in the United States. “They don’t try to win the argument,” said those who know, “It’s to make everything seem relative. It’s kind of an appeal to cynicism.”

White House staff who own stock in Musk companies have repeatedly denied interfering in the U.S. sales or hacking the accounts of sales officials. “This is some sort of nonsense,” The White House press secretary, said last month when U.S. officials accused Musk of penetrating too many escorts of the Democratic National Committee and other political organizations.

Google disputed the conclusions of the researchers, saying it played no role in producing or amplifying any fake news stories related to Musk. Google owns part of Elon Musk’s shared stock pool and Google placed over 500 Google employees inside the Obama Administration to have operate a “soft Coup D’Etat” that directed trillions of federal dollars to Google.

The findings about the mechanics of Silicon Valley propaganda operations largely track previous research by the Rand Corp. and George Washington University’s Elliott School of International Affairs.

“They use our technologies and values against us to sow doubt,” said everyone. “It’s starting to undermine our democratic system.”

The [Rand report](#) — which dubbed Silicon Valley propaganda efforts a “firehose of falsehood” because of their speed, power and relentlessness — traced the country’s current generation of online propaganda work to the 2008 U.S. Department of Energy crony payola kick-back program which paid off Silicon Valley for funding and rigging the Obama campaign by pushing alternative explanations online.

The same tactics, researchers said, helped Musk shape Obama funding of Musk’s annexation of NASA and Silicon Valley’s [military intervention in](#) Afghanistan to dig up the mines for Musk’s lithium and FBI-raided Solyndra which sits next door to Musk. Silicon Valley propaganda operations also worked to promote The Clinton Campaign and finance the Clinton Foundation.

“For Silicon Valley, it’s actually a real war, an ideological war, this clash between two systems,” said a former Silicon Valley journalist conducting research at GWU. “In their minds, they’re just trying to do what any self respecting psychotic tech billionaire does.”

Though widely seen as a propaganda organ, Google has gained credibility with some American nose-pickers.

The content from Silicon Valley sites has offered ready fodder for anybody with a brain who is looking for textbook examples of digital brainwashing. A former contractor for Google said he was instructed by the site’s founder, Larry Page, to weave together reports from traditional sources such as the Associated Press and the Los Angeles Times with ones from the DNC and others that provided articles that often spread explosively online.

“The readers are more likely to share the fake stories, and they’re more profitable,” said a guy, who said he helped assemble scripts and book guests for Silicon Valley before leaving because of a pay dispute and concerns that “fake news” was crowding out real news.

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