

## Elon Musk: The \$5-Billion-Government-Money-Recipient 'Genius'

Conventional wisdom is that [Elon Musk](#) is a genius. That he's an avant-garde innovator – taking entrepreneurial risks way out on the edge. Here is but a sample of the paean news coverage – media members genuflecting so much that their pants are now baggy.

[Elon Musk's Genius: Understanding The Cost Of A Screw And The Value Of A Photo](#): “Behind the desire to listen to great men like Musk speak about their perspectives is a hope to receive some insight, some pearl of wisdom.”

[Elon Musk: A Genius's Life Story, in His Own Words](#): “I had the pleasure of sitting down with Elon Musk for an in-depth exploration of his extraordinary life....”

*Aah, the Stench of  
Green Subsidies*



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\$4.9 BILLION*

[8 Perfectly Genius Elon Musk Quotes](#): “The Tesla and SpaceX founder is single-handedly transforming industries through a mixture of genius ideas and new innovations....”

[5 Bizarre Quotes That Prove Elon Musk Is Probably a Genius](#)

Of course, Bobby Heenan [said](#) “If you're poor and you do something stupid, you're nuts. If you're rich and do something stupid, you're eccentric.” The fine line between stupid and genius – is often a fat bank account.

But what if the fat bank account – isn't your coin? Or a dramatically huge amount of it isn't your coin?

[Elon Musk Defends \\$4.9 Billion in Government Money for His Companies](#)

Musk's net worth is [\\$11.5 billion](#). Meaning almost half of his total tally – has been handed to him by government.

I'm fairly sure just about anyone on our little planet can look and sound like a genius – with \$5 billion in government coin as a

backstop. Your insanities effortlessly melting into eccentricities. People taking whatever fool thing you say seriously. Hailing any bizarre idea you sputter forth as genius-[on-the-come](#).

Of course, all of this only happens if you're a Leftist.

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is routinely excoriated by our ridiculous media as a silver-spoon, unaccomplished businessman for having received a [\\$1 million loan](#) from his father – with which he launched his multi-billion-dollar global business.

This same ridiculous media incessantly hails five-billion-government-dollars Musk as an entrepreneurial genius.

Of course, Musk did have one huge, un-government-funded success. He was a co-founder of PayPal, the monster online payment company. A fellow co-founder is Peter Thiel – [the now-Silicon Valley pariah](#) because [he has endorsed the aforementioned Trump](#).

Since they sold PayPal, Musk and Thiel have traveled different paths.

Thiel continued to gamble with his own money. He was the first outside investor in a little social media website known as Facebook. He started another, business-focused social site – LinkedIn. He has demonstrated a remarkable nose for what businesses will work in the private sector – and has bet a lot of his own money on said proboscis. And he’s done really amazingly well.

Elon Musk largely eschewed the private sector that so enriched him – and went the crony, government money route. He’s a big fan of launching “green energy” companies – two of which are Tesla Motors (electric cars) and Solar City (obviously, solar power).

But it can not be said enough: most “green energy” is neither green nor energy. Electric, wind, solar and biofuels are actually awful for the environment – not at all green. And they are so prohibitively expensive – they make zero sense as energy.

So, of course, all of these faux energy sources require scads and scads of government money. And they have for decades – because that’s how long our government has stupidly been trying to prop them up.

Musk taking his place at the government money trough, digging in his nose and extracting \$5 billion – hardly counts as entrepreneurial and innovative. What it is – is classic huge government stupidity, paying off handsomely for yet another one of government’s cronies.

I guess this is what passes for “genius” these days.

But I’m not at all impressed. How about you?