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# Elon Musk Inking Multibillion-Dollar Pentagon Deal Amid DOGE Cuts

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Billionaire [Elon Musk's SpaceX](#) and United Launch Services, a joint venture between Boeing and Lockheed Martin, has gained a multibillion-dollar [Pentagon](#) contract for U.S. Space Force rocket launches on Friday.

[Space Systems Command](#) announced the award of three National Security Space Launch (NSSL) contracts to SpaceX, United Launch Services, and Blue Origin to "provide vital launch services in support of U.S. national security missions."

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The deal would support about 50 missions through 2029, helping to launch some of the military's most sensitive satellites, according to two sources familiar with the decision who spoke to *Reuters*.

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"Musk and DOGE are ignoring the one place where you would actually find savings within the government," Stephen Semler, a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy, told The Intercept. "Musk realizes that although he's already getting tons of money from NASA contracts, the untapped potential for his businesses from the Pentagon budget is truly massive."

## NASA and the Pentagon Dominate SpaceX's Federal Funding

Together, these two agencies account for nearly all obligations, while other departments contribute only a fraction. Hover over the chart to see detailed funding amounts and percentage shares.

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on the U.S. satellite launch market is so extensive that it is described by industry observers as a near-monopoly.

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The three companies will begin receiving task orders for the 50 planned missions through 2029.

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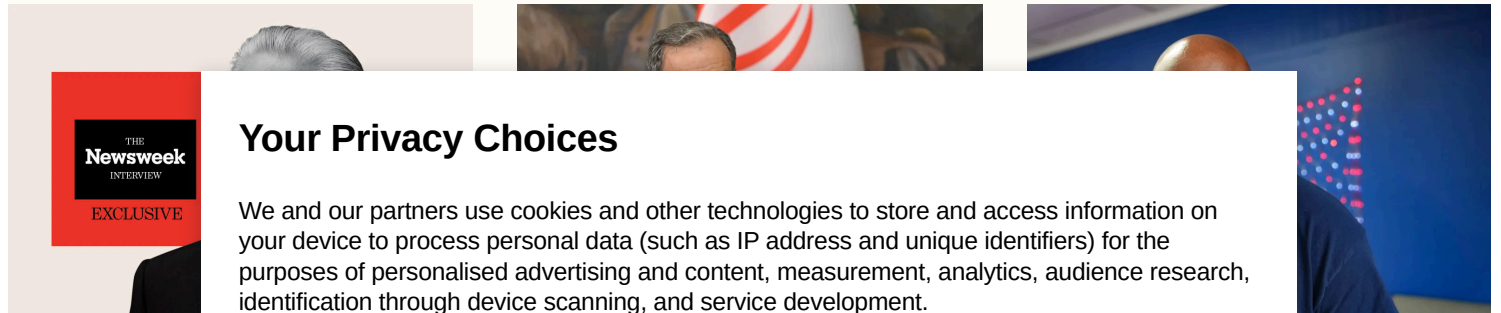
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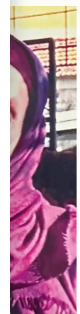
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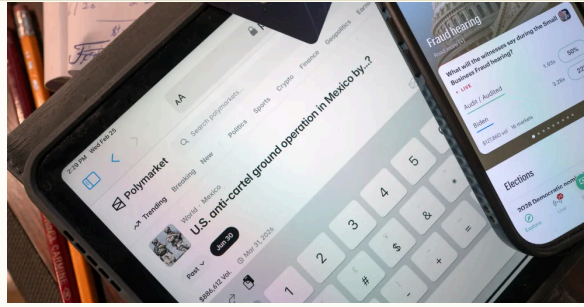
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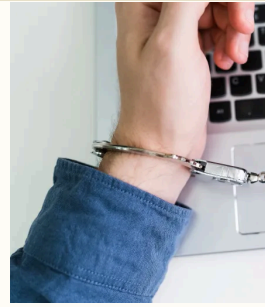
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