

Even so, Musk has clearly misunderstood COVID-19 and took a few very unscientific stances on the matter. In 2020, he called people worried about the pandemic “dumb” and falsely predicted that there will be no new cases “by end of April.” Furthermore, he questioned the safety of the COVID-19 vaccines, and baselessly asserted that there were “quite a few negative reactions” to getting a second shot.

He not only tried to downplay the threat of COVID-19 online, but also violated the local rules when he reopened Tesla’s Bay Area factory, as a result of which 450 workers got sick with the virus. Entertaining conspiracy theories and blatantly ignoring the science behind the pandemic should be enough to illustrate that Elon Musk is not a science guy, but a fizzy showman, whose end goals are not yet clear for many around the world.

Elon the Terrible

Elon Musk’s Tesla was ordered to pay nearly \$137 million to a former Black employee who said the company ignored repeated complaints that he was called the N-word and that his colleagues “had drawn swastikas and scratched a racial epithet in a bathroom stall and left drawings of derogatory

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Today’s relentless capitalism, with mainstream media at its disposal, shows a biased inclination towards those who top the Forbes billionaires list, cruelly sidestepping the ones who spend their lives helping humanity achieve collective gains. These modern-day gurus are almost always praised for their perseverance in their efforts to “change the world,” while rarely this critical question is raised: for better or for worse?

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caricatures of Black children around the factory.” In addition, a female Tesla worker said sexual harassment was “rampant,” alleging “nightmarish conditions” and a factory that “more resembles a crude, archaic construction site or frat house than a cutting-edge company in the heart of the progressive San Francisco Bay area.”

The company has also been called by some employees a “modern-day sweatshop,” and Musk regularly explodes at “executives and lower-ranking workers” alike, firing people who disagree with him left and right.

After acquiring Twitter, Musk emailed the employees demanding that they commit to “long hours at high intensity” or leave, further roiling a staff already dealing with sweeping layoffs, mass executive departures and repeated business missteps under the rich man’s ownership.

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