

Elon Musk and 550 Gulfstream 800's

"NICE RIDE IF YOU CAN AFFORD IT"

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(Dec. 20, 2022) — OK, faithful P&E readers..., time for a respite from the saga of the natural born Citizen (“nbC”)..., although the subject of the following offering is not a U.S. nbC, so there is no real danger of a presidential run by him, at least in the United States. And by “him,” your humble servant refers to one [Elon Reeve Musk](#).

Rest assured, this post will not delve into all of the convoluted and intertwined aspects of Musk’s life so far: that is why Wikipedia and Internet gossip websites exist. Instead, consistent with one of the core functions of The P&E – respect for and preservation of the First Amendment – the focus will be on his acquisition of the social media platform “Twitter.”

By now, everyone with an IQ over room temperature – thereby excluding a fair number of folks within the Beltway – is aware that Musk has become the controlling stockholder (sometimes called an “owner”) of the social media website “Twitter” for a price of around ... \$44 billion.

That is to say: \$44,000,000,000.00. Take some time to digest that number. Here is a guy who needs more strife and problems in his life like he needs another hole in the head, shelling out a *ton* of green to ensure that ordinary people could once again enjoy the fruits of the First Amendment: the ability to speak..., and more importantly, the ability to communicate with others..., without fear of “shadow banning,” censorship or retribution.

Here is another, more “down to earth” way of looking at it: one of the most expensive private aircraft these days – unadjusted for the Goofball’s daily inflation – is the [Gulfstream G800](#). It can whisk you and a bunch of your closest friends – in regal comfort, BTW – like, 8,000 nautical miles at Mach 0.9. Each unit will set you back a cool \$72 million....., say \$80 million with taxes and not to mention operating expenses that exceed even the hourly rates at Perkins Coie. Nice ride if you can afford it.

Stated otherwise, in order that you and I could again freely communicate on a social media platform that had internally metastasized into the FBI’s governmental pogrom against Donald Trump and conservatives in general during the run-up to the [2020 general election](#), Musk just got done spending the equivalent of **550** Gulfstream 800 jets... just so that freedom of speech could return to Twitter. His reward: a “Twitter” poll [voting](#) that he should step aside as the platform’s CEO. The irony of that vote is addressed [here](#).

Time will tell, but Musk may end up being the greatest defender of the First Amendment since George Mason and James Madison. Clearly, he is already its most *committed* proponent.