

S-O-C-I-O-P-A-T-H

Sociopath (n): A person who behaves in a dangerous or violent way towards other people and does not feel guilty about such behavior.

Merriam-Webster Dictionary

During the four years of Donald Trump's first term, Elon Musk increased his personal wealth by \$156 billion (that's billion with a B).

During the first three months of Trump's second term, Musk's DOGE pushed 275,000 federal workers out of their jobs* turning them into statistics on the unemployment rolls.

Musk could have *personally* paid the salaries of *every one* of those fired civil servants for more than five years with his excess \$156 billion and *still* been one of the richest men on Planet Earth.

When people like Donald Trump and Elon Musk look at a worker they do not see a living breathing human being who supports a family and pays taxes.

They see a dispensable cog in a machine, an expendable hand on the assembly line, an erasable number in a spreadsheet. Something to be disposed of as soon as it is no longer profitable.

Musk and his DOGE Dudes threw AI cyber darts at the federal organization chart to ferret out those who were to receive *You're Fired* emails. The Trumpian equivalent of *Thank you for your service*.

* Includes layoffs, firings, buyouts, and additional pending layoffs

Aftermath

Elon Musk initially promised that DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency) would save over two trillion dollars from the federal budget. By the time he skulked away, it was obvious that the program was an abject failure and that the long-term costs of tearing apart substantial elements of the federal government would significantly outweigh any "fraud, waste, and abuse" that might have been eliminated by the DOGE Dudes. Of course, neither Donald Trump nor Elon Musk will ever acknowledge this failure, much less take responsibility for it. And sociopaths that they

both are, neither will ever feel a shred of empathy for the hundreds of thousands of careers they derailed, lives they disrupted, and deaths that will inevitably result from their assault upon our federal government.

