

DOGE without Musk?

It is evident that the attention surrounding the DOGE project has changed significantly in recent weeks. Many of the measures were associated with Elon Musk, who brought many young people into positions in all ministries and authorities. Is it all over now?:

In summary, the future of DOGE looks to be one of persistence and entrenchment. The key priorities remain shrinking the bureaucracy and deregulating, but the approach is shifting to integrate these changes into the government fabric so that they survive and become the "new normal." While the era of Musk's flamboyant leadership is over, the movement he spearheaded carries on through the people and policies he put in place. The initiative is far from winding down – in many ways, it's entering a more mature (if less dramatic) phase, focusing on follow-through and permanence.

Please read here broader analysis covering the manifold.

"Musk is out - but DOGE is just getting started"

We refer also to an article in the New York Times from June 9, entitled "Musk is out - but DOGE is just getting started," which provides an overview of many institutions and points out that DOGE employees are becoming increasingly entrenched in their respective areas and are continuing to do their work.



Supreme Court allows access to social insurance data

In the dispute over the Doge Savings Committee's access to sensitive data of millions of citizens, the US government has initially prevailed before the Supreme Court. With an emergency decision, the Supreme Court allowed employees of the cost-reduction committee initiated by tech billionaire Elon Musk to access data from the Social Security Administration (SSA). A lower court had previously prohibited this with an injunction. The agency's data includes the particularly important Social Security numbers in the US, birth dates, account numbers, addresses, as well as, in some cases, information about pension payments or even highly sensitive health data.

Further Readings

There are some relevant academic publication about the DOGE-process so far. Here are links to them:

- Elaine C. Kamarck is a senior fellow in Governance Studies and the director of the Center for Effective Public Management at Brookings. She is an expert on American electoral politics and government innovation and reform in the United States, OECD nations, and developing countries. "Department of Government Efficency – The people voted for major reform"
- Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation Harvard Kennedy School Link

"Efficiency – or empire? How Elon Musk's hostile takeover could end government as we know it" Link

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