

## What's wrong with Twitter?

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Something is seriously wrong on Twitter.

Let me ignore for the moment the fact that some people are most definitely leaving. My follower number has fallen as a result, without a doubt.

Let me also ignore the fact that I have undoubtedly upset some Labour supporters who have unfollowed me. As far as I can tell though, I have won as many as I have lost for that reason,

But then note this from a person who I follow and respect:



I have no explanation for this, except I realise it is also happening to me.

Could it just be that Twitter is seeking to quietly get rid of the trouble-making left-wing crowd that Musk really does not like? It would at least seem possible.

My reaction remains the same as it was before, though. Of course, I could quit Twitter. But why should I? It is so much more than Musk. Twitter was made by the people on it,

and not by him. That is an important point to recall, always.

His supposed wealth comes not from his ability: he did not even make Twitter. Nor does it come from his ability to raise the funds to buy Twitter, although he did succeed in doing that. Instead, it is built on the foundations of the people who use the service. That is how the capitalist world really works: his wealth was created by others and concentrated into his ownership by a system that exploits everyone else.

So, to walk away is to concede the space to the right. And I won't do that, any more than I would want to concede physical space to their control because of intimidation or bullying.

I will stay, but what is happening is worrying. And I am on Mastodon and Bluesky as well.