

A bit Reich

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Reich was Labour Secretary in one of Clinton's cabinets, serving in high office for four years before returning to academia. He knows Washington from the inside.

His writing is also direct and unambiguous. I don't always agree with his economics, although a great deal of it is at least good enough. What I do like is his commentary. This is from [this morning's mail](#) from Reich, in which he is typically forthright:

Today, Musk held forth in the Oval Office, claiming that drastic reductions in the federal workforce were justified because it was rife with fraud.

I've spent more than a dozen years in the federal government, and I can tell you that the vast majority of civil servants I've had the honor of working with are dedicated and hard-working. They are delivering critical services to Americans and protecting them from corporate malfeasance.

For the richest person in the world to be given a bully-pulpit in the Oval Office to impugn their integrity is beyond shameful.

Musk has the integrity of a slug. Since Trump was elected president, Musk's fortune has increased \$270 billion. If you think that's an accident, you haven't been paying attention.

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