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Will Elon Liberate Tweeting?

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Persons who skip social media or who spend their time on Twitter and Facebook discussing lunch or the weather may not realize how anti-speech such big-tech forums have become.

If you disagree about what's better for breakfast, eggs or oatmeal, no problem.

But despite their putative pretense of providing open forums, the dominant social-media companies routinely ban discussion of touchy subjects like

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Hunter Biden laptops, pandemics, and and the politics of race and gender. As the satire site *Babylon Bee* discovered, even calling a man a man, apparently quite a controversial observation, can get you in hot water with Twitter censors.

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a major stockholder and disrupting the antispeech agenda from within.

Is this what Elon Musk is up to? Bee CEO Seth Dillon says that after Twitter suspended Babylon Bee for calling a man a man, Musk called him about the suspension and said that "he might need to buy Twitter."

Presumably in order to put a stop to such censorious shenanigans.

Now Elon Musk, who has 80.6 million followers on Twitter, has bought the company. Or rather, he has acquired a big stake in it, a 9.2 percent stake. This apparently makes him Twitter's largest stockholder. Maybe we can dare to hope that he will eventually become the majority stockholder.

Good first step, Mr. Musk.

Next? Get Twitter to remove the gags.

This is Common Sense, I'm Paul Jacob.