



# The Trillion-Dollar Mark?

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According to [Fox News](#), Elon Musk “met with a small group of House Republicans on Wednesday evening to discuss the quest to find as much as \$1 trillion in government waste.”

That would indeed be [significant](#).

But until then, the “Department of Government Efficiency,” popularly called DOGE, continues to find insane wasteful spending in the “mere” millions.

Consider the Small Business Administration, which “administers” loans to ... well ... “DOGE said it identified that the Small Business Administration (SBA) granted nearly 5,600 loans for \$312 million to borrowers whose only listed owner was 11 years old or younger at the time of the loan,” reports Fox.

Loans made in the pit of despair that was the COVID pandemic.

Children have no business taking out SBA loans—the obvious quip would be about “lemonade stands”—but Musk suggests there could be reasons for the practice, just not in the 5,593 cases DOGE specifies, because the wrong Social Security numbers were used in those applications.

But let no one say the federal government is not balanced, for “in 2020 and 2021 the SBA issued 3,095 loans for \$333 million to borrowers over 115 years old.”

And speaking of the ancient, Bernie Sanders [wrote](#) to Newsweek to give the socialist view of the subject: “The person who is running the government right now is Elon Musk. Mr. Musk has taken it upon himself, with the support of President Trump, to virtually dismantle the United States government.”

Don’t get our hopes up, Senator.

Unlike Harry Enten at CNN, I’m not at all shocked to learn that DOGE has [majority support](#) in America at present. “I was truly surprised by this,” said Enten last Thursday, “but the numbers are the numbers.”

After all, it’s only common sense to seek to root out waste, fraud, and abuse.

Isn’t it?

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.