



WRITTEN COMPREHENSION

READING TESLA POLITICS

TESLA'S MARKET SURGE AND CONTROVERSY AFTER TRUMP'S RE-ELECTION



In November 2024, following Donald Trump's re-election as President of the United States, Tesla experienced a significant surge in its stock value, reaching a market capitalization of \$1 trillion. This increase was largely attributed to investors' optimism about the potential benefits Tesla and its CEO, Elon Musk, might gain under the new administration.

Musk, a prominent supporter of Trump's campaign, was appointed to lead the newly established Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), aiming to streamline federal operations. However, this close association with the administration has led to concerns about potential conflicts of interest, especially after reports emerged that the U.S. State Department planned to purchase \$400 million worth of armored Tesla vehicles. Critics argue that Musk's dual role as a government official and CEO of a major corporation could influence government contracts in Tesla's favor. In response to these concerns, the State Department revised its procurement forecast, replacing the term "Armored Tesla" with "Armored Electric Vehicles" to mitigate perceptions of favoritism.

Despite these challenges, Tesla continues to explore new ventures, including advancements in autonomous vehicles and energy storage solutions, maintaining its position at the forefront of innovation in the automotive industry.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

A) SAY IF THESE SENTENCES ARE TRUE OR FALSE ACCORDING TO THE TEXT.

- 1) Elon Musk was appointed to lead the Department of Government Efficiency after Trump's re-election.
- 2) The U.S. State Department's initial procurement forecast specified the purchase of "Armored Tesla" vehicles.
- 3) Tesla's market capitalization decreased after Trump's re-election.

B) CHOOSE THE BEST ANSWER.

- 4) What is the primary goal of the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE)?
 - a) To promote electric vehicles
 - b) To streamline federal operations
 - c) To increase government spending
 - d) To regulate the automobile industry

CORRECT ANSWER ...

5) Why did the State Department change the term "Armored Tesla" to "Armored Electric Vehicles" in its procurement forecast?

- a) To include more vehicle options
- b) To reduce costs
- c) To avoid perceptions of favoritism
- d) To comply with new regulations

CORRECT ANSWER ...

6) Which new ventures is Tesla exploring to maintain its innovative position?

- a) Autonomous vehicles and energy storage solutions
- b) Traditional gasoline cars
- c) Aviation technology
- d) Space exploration

CORRECT ANSWER ...

C) ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

7) What concerns have arisen due to Elon Musk's dual role as a government official and CEO of Tesla?

8) How did Tesla's market capitalization change after Trump's re-election, and what was the reason behind this change?

D) VOCABULARY QUESTIONS.

9) What does "market capitalization" mean?

- a) The total value of a company's outstanding shares of stock, calculated by multiplying the share price by the number of shares
- b) The mental grasp of objects and qualities by means of the senses
- c) The work involved in managing public affairs as distinguished from policy-making

CORRECT ANSWER:

10) Definition of "conflict of interest."

- a) A set of circumstances including store or supply of accumulated or available
- b) A situation of hostility towards other parties issued officially by governments or states, normally leading to a conflict between armed troops
- c) A situation where an individual's personal interests could improperly influence their professional decisions or actions

CORRECT ANSWER: