

Kennedy scores Musk interview

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Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., the prime challenger to Joe Biden in the Democratic Presidential primary, has landed an interview. Elon Musk will interview him tomorrow (June 5) at 2:00 p.m. EDT in a Twitter Space, Musk announced today.

Hosting [@RobertKennedyJr](https://twitter.com/RobertKennedyJr)'s upcoming Space <https://t.co/pJr78Q7qAr>

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [June 4, 2023](#)

How Kennedy got the interview with Musk

The Kennedy campaign first ran afoul of the COVID Medical Misinformation Policy at Meta (Facebook, Instagram). When they tried to set up accounts at Instagram, they drew a 180-day ban that could probably become permanent. According to *The Western Journal*, a Meta spokesman specifically cited the COVID policy as the reason for the ban. Kennedy founded, and until recently headed, Children's Health Defense, which has taken a strong anti-vaccine stance. (He is on leave from CHD while running for President.)

The candidate protested the ban on Twitter last Thursday (June 1). Whereupon Elon Musk immediately ask whether he would like to appear on Twitter Spaces in the upcoming week.

Would you like to do a Spaces discussion with me next week?

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [June 2, 2023](#)

Kennedy said yes, less than an hour later. Two other users stepped forward, volunteering to moderate. Exactly who will moderate the space, is not clear. However, Musk also sought to assure all users that his technical crews are upgrading the Spaces infrastructure. Obviously no one wants a repeat of the [embarrassment](#) to Gov. Ron DeSantis (R-Fla.) during *his* interview.

System is being upgraded & stress-tested in advance of [@RobertKennedyJr](#) interview on Monday!

— Elon Musk (@elonmusk) [June 3, 2023](#)

Last month, Darrell L. Castle [suggested](#) that the suspension of Tucker Carlson, and an apparent “deep freeze” campaign against Kennedy, were related. Tucker Carlson did grant Kennedy an interview – and his suspension happened shortly afterward. Elon Musk will likely become the second major media personality to grant an interview to the Presidential contender.

Still locked out of Instagram

Kennedy noted later on Thursday that Instagram had not reinstated his own account. He later made this point:

To silence a major political candidate is profoundly undemocratic. Social media is the modern equivalent of the town square. How can democracy function if only some candidates have access to it?

— Robert F. Kennedy Jr (@RobertKennedyJr) [June 2, 2023](#)

Elon Musk has made a similar point and cited that as his reason to buy out Twitter.

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