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# Elon Musk's Lawsuit Against OpenAI: Key Revelations

## Description

Friendship breakups can be complicated, but few involve as much drama and expense as the fallout between Elon Musk and Sam Altman, two prominent figures in the technology sector. On Thursday, a lawsuit by Musk against OpenAI concluded its closing arguments, with a jury set to deliberate next week. Musk claims that Altman and other executives "stole a charity" when they transformed OpenAI from a nonprofit research organisation into a for-profit company.

Both sides presented extensive evidence during the trial, aiming to show the other as untrustworthy. If the jury finds Musk was misled into donating about £38 million to OpenAI, Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers could determine damages that might reach £150 billion. Such a decision could also prompt significant changes in OpenAI's leadership and governance. If Musk does not prevail, the case might still influence regulators to reconsider OpenAI's transformation into a for-profit entity.

Legal experts suggest that the losing side is likely to appeal, indicating that the conflict could continue. Witnesses at the trial raised questions about Altman's honesty and judgment, leading to his temporary removal as CEO in 2023. A notable detail from the trial was the personal diary of OpenAI president Greg Brockman, revealing his internal struggles about whether the company should become for-profit.

As the trial revealed many surprising dynamics, it remains to be seen how the jury will ultimately decide and what long-term changes may result from this legal confrontation.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **lawsuit** //ˈloʊ.su:t// (noun): a claim in court asking for help
2. **deliberate** //dɪˈlɪbəreɪt// (verb): to think carefully before making a decision
3. **nonprofit** //ˌnɒnˈprɑːfɪt// (adjective): not made to earn money for owners
4. **damages** //ˈdæmɪdʒɪz// (noun): money a court orders someone to pay
5. **governance** //ˈɡʌvərnəns// (noun): the way an organization is managed
6. **regulators** //ˈrɛɡjəˌleɪtərz// (noun): people or groups who make and enforce rules

## Comprehension Questions



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## Multiple Choice

1. What was the main legal action taken by Elon Musk?
  - Option: A lawsuit against OpenAI
  - Option: A lawsuit against Sam Altman
  - Option: A lawsuit against Greg Brockman
  - Option: A lawsuit against the jury
2. What was the amount Elon Musk donated to OpenAI?
  - Option: £38 million
  - Option: £50 million
  - Option: £25 million
  - Option: £10 million
3. Who was the judge presiding over the case?
  - Option: Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
  - Option: Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg
  - Option: Judge Emily Murphy
  - Option: Judge John Roberts
4. What might the potential damages reach if Musk prevails?
  - Option: £50 billion
  - Option: £150 billion
  - Option: £100 billion
  - Option: £200 billion
5. Who was temporarily removed as CEO in 2023?
  - Option: Elon Musk
  - Option: Sam Altman
  - Option: Greg Brockman
  - Option: Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers
6. What type of organization was OpenAI before it transformed into for-profit?
  - Option: For-profit organization
  - Option: Charity
  - Option: Nonprofit research organization
  - Option: Government agency



### True-False

7. Elon Musk claims that Sam Altman and other executives stole a charity.
8. The jury is set to deliver a verdict next week.
9. The trial revealed no significant questions regarding Altman's honesty.
10. The potential damages could impact OpenAI's governance.
11. The conflict between Musk and Altman is expected to be resolved quickly.
12. Greg Brockman's personal diary was a notable detail revealed during the trial.

### Gap-Fill

13. Elon Musk claims Altman and others \_\_\_\_\_ a charity.
14. If the jury finds Musk was misled, damages could reach \_\_\_\_\_ billion.
15. The lawsuit concluded its closing arguments on a \_\_\_\_\_.
16. Altman's removal as CEO took place in \_\_\_\_\_.
17. The conflict between Musk and Altman is likely to \_\_\_\_\_ in appeals.
18. OpenAI was transformed from a nonprofit into a \_\_\_\_\_ company.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. A lawsuit against OpenAI 2. £38 million 3. Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers 4. £150 billion  
5. Sam Altman 6. Nonprofit research organization

**True-False:** 7. True 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. stole 14. 150 15. Thursday 16. 2023 17. continue 18. for-profit

### Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is often sought in a lawsuit to compensate for harm or injury?  
Option: Injunction  
Option: Damages  
Option: Settlement  
Option: Bailout
  
2. What type of organization primarily focuses on furthering a social cause without the goal of making a profit?  
Option: Corporation  
Option: Nonprofit  
Option: Partnership  
Option: LLC
  
3. Which entities are responsible for overseeing specific industries and enforcing laws?  
Option: Consumers  
Option: Stakeholders  
Option: Regulators  
Option: Investors
  
4. What kind of material is essential in the manufacturing of electronic components?  
Option: Insulator  
Option: Conductor  
Option: Semiconductor  
Option: Superconductor
  
5. What term describes a legal process for an individual or business that cannot repay outstanding debts?  
Option: Liquidation  
Option: Bankruptcy  
Option: Foreclosure  
Option: Insolvency
  
6. What is an agreement reached between parties in a lawsuit to resolve the issue before going to trial?  
Option: Settlement  
Option: Verdict  
Option: Plea  
Option: Ruling
  
7. What term describes a business model in which customers pay a recurring fee for access to a service or product?  
Option: Subscription



- Option: License
- Option: Purchase
- Option: Rental

8. What term refers to the quality of being open to attack or harm?

- Option: Strength
- Option: Vulnerability
- Option: Immunity
- Option: Fortification

9. What term is used when a government provides financial support to a failing business to prevent its collapse?

- Option: Bailout
- Option: Bankruptcy
- Option: Loan
- Option: Investment

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

10. The committee made a \_\_\_\_\_ decision to revise the governance policies.
11. The economic \_\_\_\_\_ changed significantly after the latest inflation report.
12. The new product release was a \_\_\_\_\_ moment for the company's future.
13. The company underwent a drastic \_\_\_\_\_ to adapt to market changes.
14. Last quarter, our sales team \_\_\_\_\_ all projections by a significant margin.
15. The shipping company expanded its \_\_\_\_\_ to handle increased demand.
16. The \_\_\_\_\_ costs of raw materials have been a major concern for manufacturers.
17. The ferry service was temporarily suspended due to passengers being \_\_\_\_\_ by bad weather.
18. The new software significantly enhanced our operational \_\_\_\_\_ and efficiency.
19. The engineers proposed \_\_\_\_\_ changes to improve the building's safety.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

20. The company faced a lawsuit after allegations of false advertising emerged.
21. Strong corporate governance is essential for maintaining investor confidence.
22. Inflation can erode purchasing power and impact savings over time.
23. Innovation is key to staying competitive in a rapidly changing market.
24. To build a loyal customer base, businesses must engage with their audience effectively.
25. The government announced a bailout to assist the struggling airline industry.
26. Customers must meet specific criteria to be eligible for the rewards program.
27. The ferry provides a crucial link between the mainland and the island.
28. The demand for semiconductor chips has surged due to increased tech usage.
29. The vulnerability of the system was exposed during the cyber attack.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Damages 2. Nonprofit 3. Regulators 4. Semiconductor 5. Bankruptcy 6. Settlement  
7. Subscription 8. Vulnerability 9. Bailout

**Gap-Fill:** 10. deliberate 11. landscape 12. pivotal 13. transformation 14. outperformed 15. fleet 16.  
escalating 17. stranded 18. capabilities 19. structural

**Matching sentence:** 1. lawsuit 2. governance 3. inflation 4. innovation 5. engage 6. bailout 7. eligible 8. ferry  
9. semiconductor 10. vulnerability

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