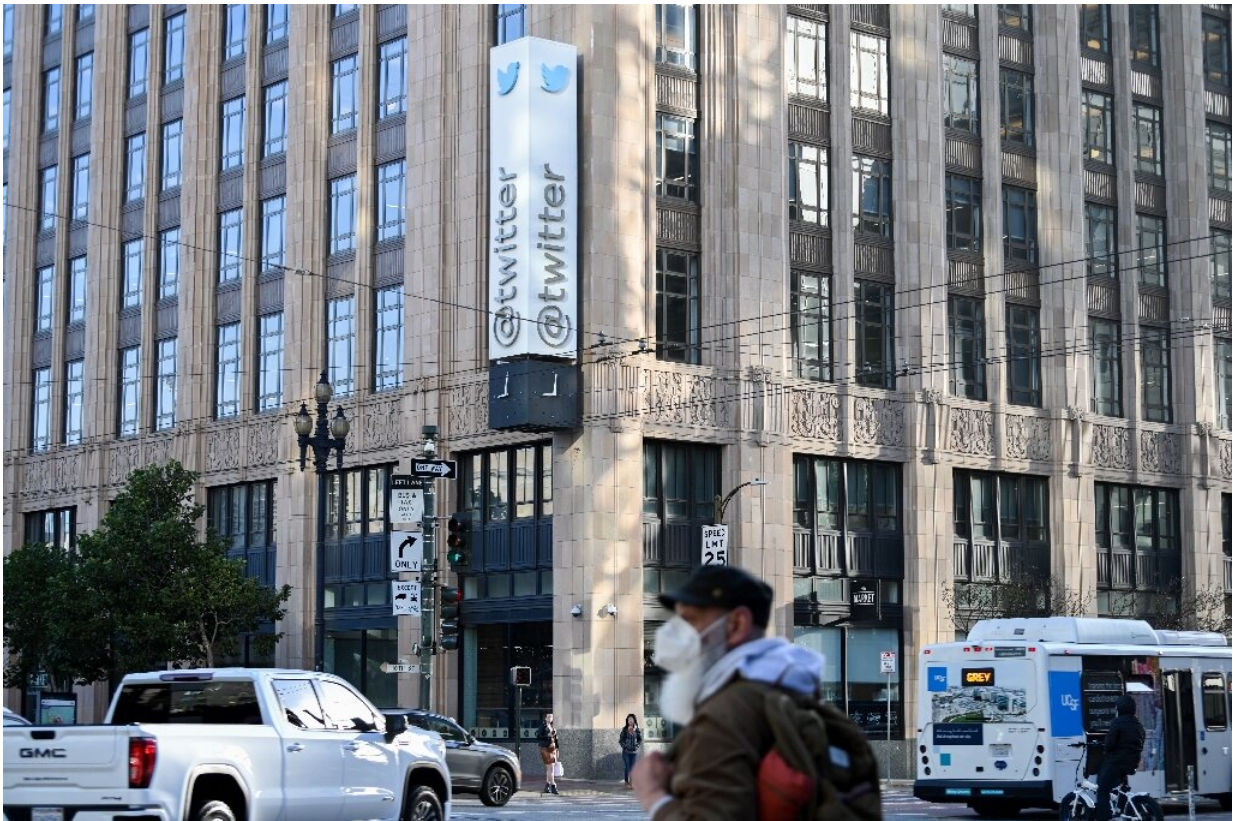


# Former Twitter CEO apologizes to staff after massive layoffs

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The Twitter Headquarters in San Francisco, California on November 4, 2022.

Twitter co-founder and former CEO Jack Dorsey on Saturday apologized to company staff for growing the social media giant "too quickly" a day after roughly half of the company's 7,500 employees were

fired by new owner Elon Musk.

"I realize many are angry with me," wrote Dorsey, who co-founded Twitter in 2006 and stepped down as CEO last year.

"I own the responsibility for why everyone is in this situation: I grew the company size too quickly. I apologize for that," he said on Twitter.

Many Twitter [employees](#) had been waiting for their former boss, a charismatic and influential figure in Silicon Valley, to react after Musk, the world's richest man, took control of the platform a week ago in a contentious deal.

Dorsey had endorsed the takeover by Musk, calling it "the right path" in a Twitter post in April.



'I realize many are angry with me,' former Twitter CEO and co-founder Jack Dorsey, pictured in July 2015, wrote to company staff.

"Folks at Twitter past and present are strong and resilient," Dorsey wrote Saturday. "They will always find a way no matter how difficult the moment."

Dorsey left the Twitter board of directors earlier this spring, but remains an indirect shareholder in the company.

Musk completed his mammoth \$44 billion acquisition late last week and quickly set about dissolving its board and firing its [chief executive](#) and top managers.

"I am grateful for, and love, everyone who has ever worked on Twitter," Dorsey tweeted. "I don't expect that to be mutual in this moment...or ever...and I understand."

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