



# Startup accelerator fires Silicon Valley's most infamous Trump supporter

 Bye, Peter.

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Silicon Valley startup accelerator Y Combinator has cut ties with Peter Thiel, [BuzzFeed reported](#).

The billionaire PayPal founder [joined the accelerator](#) as a part-time partner in 2015. Since then, he's become [better-known](#) outside the tech world for funding the lawsuit that took down *Gawker* and for his support of Donald Trump.

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Back in 2015, Y Combinator president Sam Altman said he was "delighted" to welcome Thiel and that he was "confident that Peter joining will be great for YC." The [blog post](#) announcing Thiel's start at Y Combinator now bears an editor's note that says, "Peter Thiel is no longer affiliated with Y Combinator."

According to *BuzzFeed*, Y Combinator ended its part-time partner program entirely. But while other partners in that

program remain affiliated with Y Combinator as "experts," Thiel's disassociation was complete.

Y Combinator didn't announce it cut ties with Thiel. The accelerator didn't respond to request for comment from *Mashable*.

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