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After pulling songs, Neil Young is telling Spotify employees to quit their jobs | The Verge

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Neil Young has told Spotify workers that the company's CEO — not Joe Rogan — is the real problem, and is urging them to "get out of that place before it eats up your soul" (via *Variety*). This comes after Young pulled his music from Spotify, claiming the company was "spreading fake information about vaccines" through Joe Rogan's podcast.

Young's recent fight against Spotify initially targeted Rogan's podcast, but now he seems to be blaming Spotify's leadership instead. In an open letter posted to his website on Monday, Young says that CEO Daniel Ek is all about "numbers – not art, not creativity."

Young ended Monday's letter by urging Spotify employees to "be free and take the good path." (I'd argue it's difficult to feel free when you've no longer got a job, but perhaps he's expecting they'll find a different one first.) This is at least the third time Young has slammed Spotify in recent weeks: after pulling his music, he went on to rail against its sound quality, calling it "shitty degraded and neutered."

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