

Dril and AOC are now on Bluesky

Two Twitter icons joined Bluesky on Thursday. Dril was first, with AOC joining shortly after.

The invite-only decentralized Twitter alternative has been gaining steam in recent days – I’ve seen a lot of people I follow on the bird-themed social network start to show up on Bluesky. But the Twitter clone might truly begin to feel like a New Twitter now that Dril (the Twitter legend who recently gave an interview as his real-life human self) and Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) have officially joined the platform.

There’s nothing on Dril’s Bluesky profile that makes it absolutely clear that it’s really him. (He hasn’t tied a domain name to his handle, for example.) Dril has posted once, but it’s an extremely not-safe-for-work post that I will not be including here. But Paul Frazee, a staff engineer at Bluesky, confirmed Thursday that the Dril profile @dril.bsky.social is the real deal.

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On Thursday evening, Bluesky said the day was its “biggest single-day” jump in users ever and that it would be upgrading its database at 5:30PM ET, resulting in five minutes of downtime.

