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Biden Again Says Son Beau Died in Iraq. Experts: False Memories a Symptom of Dementia

Once again, President Joe Biden has claimed that his son Beau died in Iraq in combat.

This time, he was on the phone with the parents of Army Spc. Kennedy Sanders, who was killed in a drone attack in Jordan on January 28.

But Biden likely isn't lying. Because he clearly has dementia, as one of his own staffers suggested in an undercover video, Biden is likely having false memories, a common symptom of severe cognitive decline.



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Repeating Story

During the phone call with the grieving Sanders family, Biden said he knew what they were suffering.

"I know there's nothing anybody can say or do to ease the pain because I've been there," he said. He also said the Army would posthumously promote Kennedy to sergeant.

"Oh, wow, that is the best news I've heard today," Kennedy's mom said. "Thank you so much. You don't know how much that means to us."

Biden:

Oh well, I tell you what, it means a lot, a lot to me. My son spent a year in Iraq, that's how I lost him. You know, 1 percent of all these kids are the ones who take care of 99 percent of us.

As repeatedly reported since Biden began telling that tale, [Beau Biden didn't die](#) in Iraq. Though deployed to a combat zone, he was an Army lawyer in the Judge Advocate General Corps. He was not a combat soldier.

In 2013, Beau Biden was diagnosed with glioblastoma, the same type of brain tumor that killed [Senators John McCain and Ted Kennedy](#). He died in 2015 at Walter Reed Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland.

Again, this isn't the first time Biden has retailed the falsehood.

In August, he told a Gold Star Mother the same thing, she said, as the [Daily Caller recalled](#):

His words to me were, "My wife, Jill, and I know how you feel. We lost our son as well and brought him home in a flag-draped coffin." My heart started beating faster and I started shaking, knowing that their son died from cancer and they were able to be by his side.



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In May, [he told](#) Marines in Japan the same thing: “My son was a major in the US Army. We lost him in Iraq.”

[He told](#) the same tale twice in 2022.

So Biden believes his son died in Iraq. He isn't lying.

Instead, Biden is revealing that he has a false memory, [a sure sign](#) of dementia or Alzheimer's disease (AD). Claiming he was a stalwart in the civil rights movement, [Biden has also said](#) he visited black churches after he attended Mass and that he helped desegregation. He has [also claimed he was](#) a truck driver.

False memories in the demented are almost as common as forgetting things, researchers have found. Alzheimer's sufferers “not only are suffering from amnesia but also are prone to memory distortions, such as experiencing detailed and vivid recollections of episodic events that have never been encountered (i.e., false memories),” a [paper published in 2020 reported](#).

And “autobiographical” false memories, also called confabulations, are typical:

False memory in AD may also involve misattributions of entire autobiographical events, as suggested by research on confabulations.

That explains why Biden manufactures events in his “past” out of whole cloth.

Other signs that Biden has dementia [are his rages](#) at staff members and inappropriate impulsive behavior.

Biden shook hands with an imaginary supporter, kissed his granddaughter on the lips in public, and [terrified a child](#) in Finland by nibbling on her. He's also been caught using cheat sheets.

Retired pediatric neurosurgeon Ben Carson, President Donald Trump's health secretary, has firmly stated that Biden is declining cognitively.

Watching Biden fuss and fume at being asked if he would sit for a test of his cognitive ability, Carson said “that's so typical of people in the early stages of decline to become aggressive and defensive about who they are.”

Staffer Admits Biden Is Declining

This week, James O'Keefe of O'Keefe Media Group [released video](#) of a top White House staffer who is concerned that Biden is losing it.

Indeed, Biden's handlers are concerned, but can't say anything about it because they cannot admit what everyone knows.

“They've got to toe the line,” he said:

They know it. Of course they do. But it's the optics and like the scandal I think they feel wouldn't be worth it. ...I don't think he has that [dementia] clinically yet, um, but he's definitely slowing down.

The problem is, Democrats have known for years and admit privately that Biden is *non compos mentis*. Indeed, they knew it *before* they nominated him for president.



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Eight months before the 2020 presidential election, Ryan Grim, a writer for The Intercept, [wrote](#) that Biden was “sundowning,” a symptom of Alzheimer’s disease. Freelance finance writer Matthew Stoller, a supporter of Bernie Sanders, [tweeted](#) that “Democratic insiders know Biden has cognitive decline issues. They joke about it. They don’t care.”

“Democrats are conspiring to gaslight the American people by engineering the election of a man clearly suffering from dementia,” leftist cartoonist Ted Rall [wrote](#) for Rasmussen Reports.

Biden will be 82 years old in November. If elected, and if he survives his second term, he will be 86 when he leaves office.



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