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Is Joe Biden Suffering from “Sundowning”?

[The Mayo Clinic](#) defines “sundowning” as “a state of confusion occurring in the late afternoon and spanning into the night. Sundowning can cause a variety of behaviors, such as confusion, anxiety, aggression or ignoring directions ... [it is] a group of symptoms that occur at a specific time of the day that may affect people with dementia, such as Alzheimer’s disease.”



Is the Democrat Party’s presidential nominee Joe Biden suffering from “sundowning”? [Andrea Widburg](#) thinks so. Writing on Wednesday at the *American Thinker* she noted that “most of Biden’s appearances are early in the day. He may do this because he tires easily and, by afternoon, is running on empty.”

She added:

I’ve seen this firsthand with both of my parents, neither of whom had Alzheimer’s but both of whom sundowned badly as they developed age-related dementia.

What I learned was that, for the people sundowning, the illusions are real. These are not nightmares from which they can awaken. You cannot “snap” them out of it. They cannot be perked up and trotted out with a little medicine. While sufferers are sundowning, they’re gone.

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Cort Kirkwood, [writing at The New American](#), indirectly raised the issue on Wednesday. Following two slip-ups by Biden, Kirkwood posited: “Did Biden and Harris reveal what Biden might have admitted, and the Harris-Biden team might have already discussed?: The old boy is, at least, slipping, if not sundowning ... and Harris will take over.”

Rush Limbaugh expanded on the possibility during Monday’s show:

You’ve seen it with family members who had dementia. That as the day went on, as the afternoon grew later and then shifted into evening, you could see an obvious deterioration in the mental acuity of the family member who had dementia or Alzheimer’s. I know people who have seen it with their own parents and grandparents.

You’d have an average day where you would think, “Hey, grandma is doing great today. Grandma’s really cool today.” And families are filled with hope when those days happen, and then on those same days, when you get to sundown and later, the deterioration picks up, and you can see it, and you get depressed because earlier in the day you thought, “Okay. This is gonna be a good day.”

Limbaugh then noted something peculiar:

On Saturday Joe Biden sent word to the media that he was shutting the campaign down at 9 a.m. 9



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a.m. Saturday, the word went out that the campaign was shutting down. Here it is. A reporter for NBC-MSNBC got word from the Biden camp — the reporter’s name is Jake Sherman — that they put a lid on the campaign Saturday at 9 a.m. So a Saturday, weeks away from the election, Biden shut down the campaign at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

So that prompted a CBS White House reporter named Kathryn Watson to tweet that she couldn’t understand why Joe was not out proving that he can outwork Trump. Kathryn Watson’s tweet: “Not sure why Biden isn’t doing more to show that he can outwork Trump.” That’s after she saw the Jake Sherman tweet claiming a lid has been called in Wilmington, meaning Biden’s not expected to have any public events today. Campaign is shut down. She tweets that she doesn’t understand why Biden’s not out doing more to show that he can outwork Trump.

Added Limbaugh:

But of recent campaign appearances, I can’t recall, I can’t remember Biden out in public at night. And certainly not after a full day of negotiating world peace and having a helicopter ride to the hangar, two-hour speech and banter with 15,000 people and then going out and doing a debate. I haven’t seen Biden engage in that kind of rigorous schedule.

Could Biden be suffering from “sundowning”? The first presidential debate is scheduled for Tuesday evening, September 29. It won’t take long for millions of viewers to decide for themselves. The debate takes place in Cleveland, Ohio, and begins at 9pm Eastern Time and will run for 90 minutes.

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