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NYT: Biden Must Drop Out to Save “Democracy.” Election Forecaster Silver: Trump Will Win

It isn't just Democrats who think President Joe Biden must drop out of the race for president.

Adding its Stentorian voice to the calls for Biden to pack up and head for home is *The New York Times*. Biden's myriad accomplishments thus far cannot hide the truth, its editorial page warned. Biden is too elderly and frail to do the job, and must protect the nation from Trump, “a significant jeopardy” to American “democracy.” And so Biden must step aside.



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As well, election forecaster Nate Silver predicts a Trump victory in November.

As [The New American reported](#) after last week's debate in which Trump crushed the failing president, Democrats are running thither and yon wondering what to do. Biden, they say, must drop out.

Opinion | To Serve His Country, President Biden Should Leave the Race - The New York Times <https://t.co/gR4ZrLd87a>

— Roger Cohen (@NYTimesCohen) [June 29, 2024](#)

The Editorial

The editorialists at the *Times*, who laughably claim to be “separate from the newsroom,” did everything but call Trump the next Hitler.

“The future of American democracy” is at stake in November, the *Times wrote*, quoting Biden.

But “Donald Trump has proved himself to be a significant jeopardy to that democracy — an erratic and self-interested figure unworthy of the public trust,” the *Times* averred:

He systematically attempted to undermine the integrity of elections. His supporters have described, publicly, a 2025 agenda that would give him the power to carry out the most extreme of his promises and threats. If he is returned to office, he has vowed to be a different kind of president, unrestrained by the checks on power built into the American political system.

The *Times* didn't bother describing those “promises and threats,” and instead explained why Biden must drop out.

“At Thursday's debate, the president needed to convince the American public that he was equal to the formidable demands of the office he is seeking to hold for another term,” the *Times continued*. “Voters, however, cannot be expected to ignore what was instead plain to see: Mr. Biden is not the man he was



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four years ago.”

Biden was the “shadow of a great public servant,” a dubious claim about a man who has accomplished precisely nothing in 50 years of “public service.”

Anyway, Biden couldn’t describe what he would do in a second term and “struggled” to answer Trump’s “provocations.” Biden did not “hold [him] accountable for his lies, his failures and his chilling plans. More than once, he struggled to make it to the end of a sentence.”

The *Times* falsely claimed Biden “has been an admirable president,” despite his inviting [an invasion](#) of millions of illegal aliens and his Justice Department’s suggesting that Americans who fight woke ideology — notably [“transgender” propaganda and homosexual pornography](#), at school-board meetings — [are would-be terrorists](#). And no, the nation has not “prospered,” as the *Times* claimed. Its economy [is a wreck](#), the prices of consumer goods having rocketed into the stratosphere, which wouldn’t worry the *Times*’s highly-paid editorialists.

“The greatest public service Mr. Biden can now perform is to announce that he will not continue to run for re-election” for he is “engaged in a reckless gamble,” the *Times* continued.

Other Democrats are better suited to tackle Trump, and hoping Biden can defeat him is “too big a bet.” Defeating Trump, given Biden’s “uneven abilities,” means enlisting a “stronger opponent.”

And, the [Times observed](#), Biden challenged Trump and even set the rules, the date, and everything else about it, rules to which hate-Trump CNN readily agreed. But Biden “failed his own test.”

“The clearest path for Democrats to defeat a candidate defined by his lies is to deal truthfully with the American public: acknowledge that Mr. Biden can’t continue his race, and create a process to select someone more capable to stand in his place to defeat Mr. Trump in November,” the [Times asserted](#):

It is the best chance to protect the soul of the nation — the cause that drew Mr. Biden to run for the presidency in 2019 — from the malign warping of Mr. Trump. And it is the best service that Mr. Biden can provide to a country that he has nobly served for so long.

Silver’s Prediction

The *Times* is rightly worried. The polls show that Biden is losing, and will likely lose in November, which doesn’t mean Trump is the certain winner. Polls can be unreliable.

Yet anti-Trump forecaster Nate Silver said he will probably win the electoral college with 287 votes, and puts his chances at 65.7 percent. Biden, he predicted, will narrowly win the popular vote.



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Kennedy	0.0%	0.0%	0.4	4.3%
No majority	0.5%			

Silver confessed that he wanted Trump to lose. But the modeling he uses, based on 40,000 simulations, says Trump will win.

Silver's polling data are similar to those at Real Clear Politics, but give Trump a bigger lead. Yet his national average [has Trump ahead](#) by 2.4 points. [RCP gives Trump](#) a 1.9 point lead. They also show that Trump is ahead by five points in battleground Nevada. RCP shows Trump with a 2.8-point lead. And Silver has Trump ahead by 7.3 points in North Carolina, versus RCP's 6.7-point lead. The same is true for Georgia and other crucial states.

"The reasons that Trump would win have gradually become somewhat more compelling than the reasons for Biden, [he wrote](#). Aside from the obvious, Biden's age, they include high inflation that, while somewhat decreased, "still is reflected in much higher prices than when Biden took office. There's the fact that the global mood is pessimistic and that incumbents have been getting crushed everywhere around the world."

Thus, like the *Times*, Silver wants Biden to drop out because of his age: "An 86-year-old president is a ridiculous and untenable proposition."

[Continued Silver:](#)

In a political environment full of misinformation and distrust, that Biden is 81 and seeking to be president until he's 86 is something rare: an unassailable, objective fact. If I were a single parent supporting three kids on a minimum-wage job, who barely had time to follow the news, could you really fault me for thinking the one thing I know is that this guy is too ... old to be president?

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