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“The View”: No Debate Between Trump & Biden Is Needed

Fearing how President Joe Biden might fare in a future debate with former President Donald Trump, the intellectual giants of ABC’s *The View* apparently believe that Trump needs to be censored in order for such a debate to be fair. The comments were made on Monday’s edition of the daytime show.

The hosts of the trivial talk show fear that Biden has more to lose in a debate situation than the bombastic Trump does.

In a discussion about whether Biden should debate Trump should the two find themselves in a rematch of the 2020 presidential election, the panel suggested that a debate was unnecessary since American voters were already well aware of both candidates’ positions.



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Trump & Biden debate in 2020

BIDEN, TRUMP WON’T COMMIT TO PRESIDENTIAL DEBATES: [#TheView](#) co-hosts question how a debate between the two front-runners will influence voters. <https://t.co/cVclFZQmjA> pic.twitter.com/HFLuQjVPIz

— The View (@TheView) [February 19, 2024](#)

Speaking in favor of a debate was Alyssa Farah Griffin, who once worked as the White House director of strategic communications in the Trump administration. Per entertainment website [The Wrap](#), in Griffin’s mind, a debate is “‘critically important for democracy,’ so people can actually hear from both sides, instead of sticking to the news outlets they always do, where they’re ‘only gonna get one side of any story.’”

Griffin also cautioned that a refusal to debate would be seen as a sign of weakness for Biden, who is increasingly facing questions about his mental acuity:

The voters deserve to hear from them directly. And my caution to Biden is, I get why he maybe wouldn’t [debate], but Donald Trump will lean into the narrative of He’s hiding because he’s not up to it,’ ... and voters will believe that if he doesn’t show up, so he needs to show up and debate.

Fellow host Sara Haines quickly jumped on the no-debate train, claiming that she would agree with the necessity for a debate “if we did not know these two men as well as we do,” saying, “Biden can lose. He can lose in a debate.... Trump will not.... The people supporting Trump will support him whether he’s there or not. Biden makes one mistake, and people that are undecided are out.”



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[She also argued](#) that Trump's presence alone was too intimidating for Biden:

Oftentimes, the comparison to Donald Trump makes anyone look "less than" on some level.... I know he looks crazy too, but you remember how he would come behind Hillary ... and he was like always hovering.

Co-host Sunny Hostin [viciously declared](#) that even allowing Trump on the debate stage was unnecessary and a bad idea:

I don't think I need to see someone who has been twice impeached, and is a disgrace, and a one-term president with 91 counts facing him.... I think it legitimizes him. I don't need to be gaslit by Trump. We all know who he is. We all know what he stands for. We also know that Biden debated him twice, and just like, sort of mopped the floor with him.

An enraged Whoopi Goldberg struggled to even finish a thought regarding Trump except to suggest that Hillary Clinton should have physically kicked him 2016. Joy Behar referred to the ex-president as an "orange menace."

While no one hoping for intellectual stimulation is tuning into *The View* for the hosts' reasoned takes on the issues of the day, the show is a barometer about what America's leftists are thinking. They're already dreading a debate between Biden and Trump, and that means they're afraid that their candidate isn't up to it. And for once, they're absolutely correct.



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