

# Former White House physician said he believes Biden will be forced to resign over fitness

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House Rep. Ronny Jackson, who served as the top physician under the Obama and Trump administrations, has predicted President won't finish his term in office because of a lack of fitness for the job.

'Something is SERIOUSLY wrong with Biden - and it's only going to get WORSE!' the Republican congressman from tweeted on Thursday.

'It's past the point of embarrassment. He's lost. He can barely put a coherent sentence together.'

Jackson added: 'He MUST have a cognitive exam and release the results!'

Jackson told Fox News that Biden, who has been seen tripping on a stairwell before boarding Air Force One and having difficulty speaking coherently, will either be forced from office when the Cabinet invokes the 25th Amendment or he will resign.

If members of Biden's cabinet aren't looking into invoking the 25th Amendment, then 'this is a national security issue at this point ... it really is,' Jackson said.



House Rep. Ronny Jackson



President Biden is seen above at a town hall in Cincinnati on Wednesday that was televised by CNN

The tweet was posted a day after Biden repeatedly stumbled over his words and appeared confused as he answered questions during a CNN town hall staged in Cincinnati, Ohio.

At one point, when talking about getting vaccinations approved for children under the age of 12, the president said: 'That's underway, just like the other question that's illogical. And I've heard you speak about it because you always – I'm not being solicitous – but you're always straight up about what you're doing.'

'And the question is whether or not we should be in a position where you uh, um, are - why can't the, the, the experts say we know that this virus is, in fact, uh, um, uh, it's going to be - or, excuse me, we, we, we know why all the drugs approved are not temporarily approved by permanently approved.

'That's underway too. I expect that to occur quickly,' Biden continued as he fumbled over his words.

Biden also misspoke when talking about the efficacy of the coronavirus vaccines against the Delta variant.

Grabien Media founder Tom Elliott posted a video of Biden's interaction with Lemon about vaccines and sarcastically wrote: 'Crushing it.'



President Joe Biden (left) stumbled through Wednesday night's CNN town hall with Don Lemon (right) in Cincinnati when he issued a series of gaffes, lost thoughts and false statements" /&gt; President Joe Biden (left) stumbled through Wednesday night's CNN town hall with Don Lemon (right) in Cincinnati when he issued a series of gaffes, lost thoughts and false statements

## **'Uh, um, uh, it's going to be – or, excuse me, we, we': Biden fumbling over his words during CNN town hall**

### **Response to question on how to prevent misinformation**

"There are trusted interlocutors. Think of the people — if your kid wanted to find out whether or not there were — there's a man on the moon, or whatever — you know, something, or, you know, whether those aliens are here or not — you know, who are the people they talk to beyond the kids who love talking about it? They go to people they respect, and they say, "What do you think?"

### **Response to question about Capitol Riot conspiracy theorists**

'This is not who we are. And I'll say one last thing — and you're going to — I've had a lot of experience internationally. And I mean that — not good or bad, just I have; I've chaired the Foreign Relations Committee. I've been deeply involved. I did national security for the — our last — the — the — the administration with Barack.'

### **Response to question on vaccines for children**

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### **Response to question on restaurants struggling to wind workers**

'My — my deceased wife's father-in-law was a restaurateur up in — up in Syracuse, New York. And, by the way, he tried to con- — he had a — had a restaurant that was in a town called Auburn, about 20,000 people, which was at a flagship 24-hour-a-day restaurant that — and he offered it to me, which I would have been making five times what I would in law school to try to keep me in Syracuse.

'But I spent too many times at home hearing a — in his home, hearing a phone call: "The cook didn't come in? He's in a fight with his wife? What — what's going on?"'

### **Response to question on whether his unemployment benefits stopped people going back to work**

'I see no evidence it had any serious impact on it. But you can argue — let's assume it did. It's coming to an end, so it's not like we're in a situation where — if that was it and it ends, then we're going to see John is going to have no problem.

'But what I think is happening, folks, is, look, if you make less than fifty- — and I'm not saying, John, your folks make less than 15 — you had good restaurants;

that means their tips are good, people make a lot more than just what the — what the minimum wage — what the wage is being paid on with the — put tips on top of it.'

Another user asked for a translation, claiming: 'I did not understand a single sentence.'

During an appearance on Fox News on Thursday, Jackson told host Sean Hannity that it's been apparent for a while that 'something's going on here.'

'And I've been saying that it's only going to get worse, and guess what?

'We're watching that happen right before our eyes right now,' Jackson said.

He added: 'And I'm at the point right now where, you know, I went from, you know, telling people, we should be concerned about what might potentially be going on, to now saying, hey, what is happening right now?'

'Where are the people in our academic medicine that were out there calling for President Trump to have a cognitive test? Where are these people?'

Jackson continued: 'There's something seriously going on with this man right now.'

'And you know, I think that he's either gonna, he's either gonna resign, they're going to convince him to resign from office at some point in the near future for medical issues, or they're going to have to use the 25th Amendment to get rid of this man right now.'

**'Confused' Biden uses his notes while quizzed over cyberattack**



President Biden had an uncomfortable moment on July 3 when he pulled out notes to answer a reporter's question at a pie shop in Michigan about the latest hack ; thought to be from Russians



Biden reaches for his wallet to pay for pie at King Orchards farm store in Michigan on Saturday





He also said the press could ask him a question while he was checking out



Biden warned that the U.S. will retaliate if it finds out Russia was behind the mass cyberattack that hit at least 1,000 firms. Biden speaking at a cherry farm store in Central Lake, Michigan



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‘There’s some serious stuff going on right now.’

Earlier this month, Jackson again questioned Biden’s fitness after the president awkwardly fumbled with notes in his suit jacket pocket to answer a reporter's question on something he was briefed on just moments before during an appearance at a Michigan fruit shop.

‘With the most recent hack by the Russians, would you say that this means –’ a reporter began asking Biden as he checked out from King Orchards farm store in Central Lake, Michigan on July 3.

The 78-year-old president, however, cut off the reporter, saying US intelligence is not sure if the hack came from the Kremlin.

‘We’re not sure it’s the Russians,’ he said.

‘I got a brief when I was on the plane. That’s why I was late getting off the plane.’

‘I’ll be in better shape to talk to you about it –’ Biden started, then cut himself off.

He then proceeded to awkwardly fumble with the notes in his pocket as he attempted to answer the reporter's question while checking out with the cashier, who asked him to no answer, ‘Would you like a receipt?’

‘I’ll tell you what they sent me,’ Biden said, while looking at the paper he pulled from his pocket, not answering the cashier's question.

‘The idea – first of all we’re not sure who it is for certain, number one. And what I did, I directed the full resources of the government to assist in a response if we determine – what else you need?’ Biden said, redirecting his attention to the cashier.

## **Confusing Libya and Syria, tripping up the stairs, and calling Kamala Harris 'president': Biden's numerous gaffes over the years**

Over the past few years, President has made the news for things he's said and done - but not related to policy.

Rather the 78-year-old has had a knack for gaffes.

During speeches or while answering questions, Biden is known to make mistakes, have mix-ups or even digress.

The commander-in-chief has even been caught tripping a time or two, raising speculation about his physical health.

DailyMail.com has compiled many of Biden's notable mis-speaks. foot-in-mouth moments and slips.

**REPEATEDLY MIXING UP LIBYA AND SYRIA**



'I'm hopeful that we can find an accommodation where we can save the lives of people in — for example, in — in Libya,' the president said, mentioning the north African country for the third time instead of Syria, in the Middle East. Biden is pictured in Cornwall, United Kingdom on June 13



The White House later brushed the confusion off, confirming that it was indeed, Syria, the country where Russia and the US have been involved in a decade-long civil war, which the president was referring to

**WATCH: Joe Biden confuses Syria with Libya THREE TIMES.**

— RNC Research (@RNCResearch)

Biden repeatedly confused Syria with Libya while discussing ways of working with Russia during a press conference at the G7 on June 13.

The 78-year-old gaffe machine spoke of working with Russian President Vladimir Putin to provide economic assistance to the people of Libya, prompting some confused glances from the press pack at the G7 summit in Cornwall, England.

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### **TRIPPING WHILE BOARDING AIR FORCE ONE**



Over the years, President Joe Biden has made numerous gaffes and mix-ups and has even been caught falling. Pictured: Biden falling while walking up the stairs of Air Force One on March 19



On March 19, he was caught tripping up the stairs as he boarded Air Force One at Joint Base Andrews

### **President Joe Biden FALLS up the stairs of Air Force One**

On March 19, video captured Biden tripping up the stairs as he boarded Air Force One at Joint Base Andrews.

In the clip, Biden stumbles as he walks up the airstairs. He grabs the hand railing to catch his balance, but then loses his footing two additional times.

During the third stumble, he falls to his knees. However, after brushing off his leg, he reaches the top of the plane and gives a salute before disappearing inside.

White House Deputy Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre later told reporters that Biden was '100 percent fine' and preparing for his trip in Atlanta.

'It's pretty windy outside. It's very windy. I almost fell coming up the steps myself,' she said.



## CALLING KAMALA 'PRESIDENT HARRIS'



Just one day earlier, during a press conference on March 18 (pictured), he referred to Vice President Kamala Harris as 'President Harris'

### **Joe Biden calls Kamala 'President Harris' in latest gaffe**

Just one day earlier, Biden accidentally referred to Vice President Kamala Harris as 'President Harris.'

The gaffe occurred during a press conference on March 18, during which he lauded his administration for being close to meeting their goal of 100 million COVID-19 vaccine doses in his first 100 days in office.

'Now when President Harris and I took a virtual tour of a vaccination center in Arizona not long ago, one of the nurses on that, on that tour injecting people, giving vaccinations, said that each shot was like administering a dose of hope,' Biden said.

Harris was standing behind Biden as the president carried on with his speech, but did not correct himself.

Later that day, when the White House released the transcript of his speech, Harris's proper title was inserted with brackets.

## **FORGOT NAME OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE**



On March 9, while making a speech, Biden seemed to forget the name of Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin (above)

### **Awkward moment Joe Biden forgets defense secretary's name**

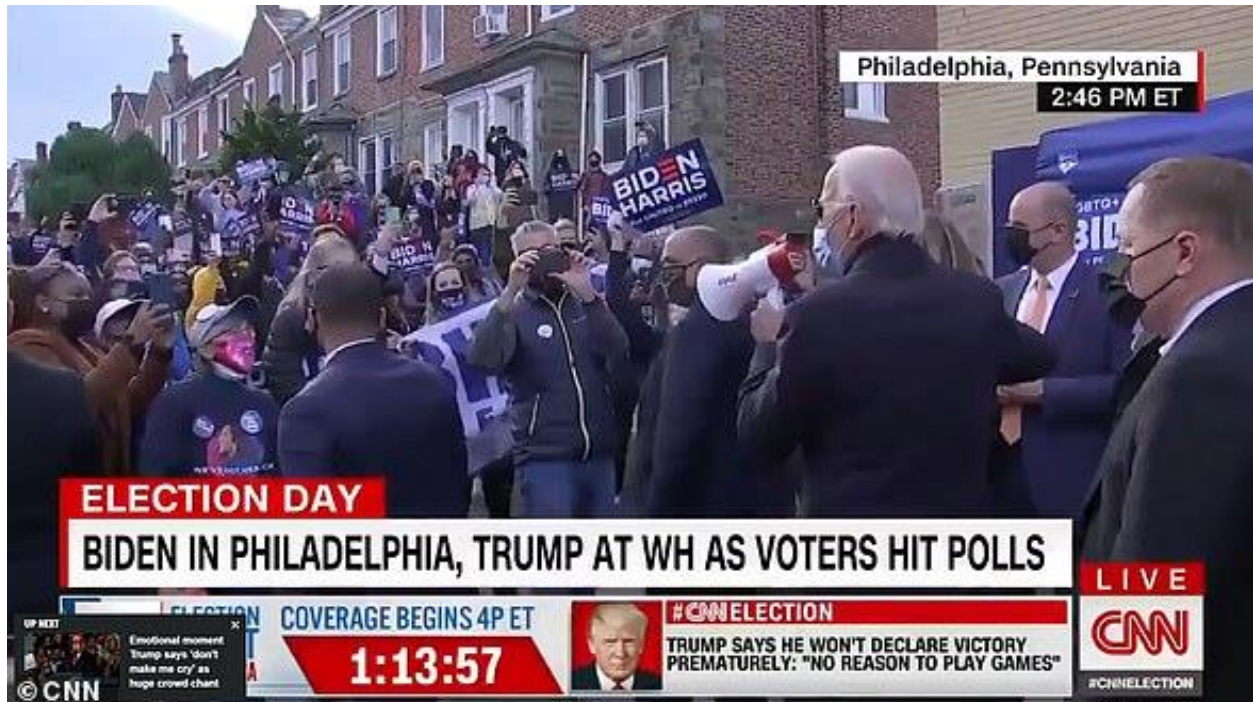
In a speech on March 9, Biden seemed to fumble with his words and forget the name of his Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin.

'I want to thank Sec - the former general - I keep calling him "General," Biden said.

'My - the guy who runs that outfit over there. I want to make sure we thank the Secretary for all he's done to try to implement what we've just talked about, and for recommending these two women for promotion.'

The slip-occurred despite the fact that just a few minutes earlier, he had mentioned Austin's name in the speech without an issue.

## **INTRODUCES GRANDDAUGHTER AS HIS SON**



On Election Day, in November, Biden introduced a crowd to his granddaughter, but referred to her as his son

### **'This is my son, Beau': Biden confuses granddaughter for dead son**

During an Election Day speech in Philadelphia, Biden stumbled over his words and confused his granddaughter with his late son, Beau Biden.

Biden told the crowd: 'I want to introduce you to two of my granddaughters...this is my son, Beau Biden who a lot of you helped elect to the Senate in Delaware.'

The commander-in-chief had meant to introduce the crowd to Natalie, Beau's daughter, but hadn't just mixed up the name but the person - he also put his arm around Finnegan Biden, Hunter's daughter.

He finally corrected himself as he draped his arm around Natalie's shoulder and said: 'This is Natalie, this is Beau's daughter.'

Beau Biden passed away in 2015 after a months-long battle with glioblastoma, one of the deadliest types of brain cancer.

## **TOLD STATE SENATOR IN WHEELCHAIR TO STAND UP**



Biden told then-Missouri state senator Chuck Graham to stand up for the crowd at a rally, before realizing he was in a wheelchair

Not all of Biden's gaffes occurred in the 2020s or even the 2010s. In fact, some happened in the early aughts.

In September 2008, after Biden had been named former President Barack Obama's running mate, he attended a campaign rally in Missouri.

It was there that he called on then-Missouri state senator Chuck Graham, who passed away last year. to stand up for the crowd.

'I'm told Chuck Graham, state senator, is here. Stand up Chuck, let 'em see you,' Biden said.

It was at that moment he realized Graham was in a wheelchair due to muscular dystrophy.

'Oh, God love you. What am I talking about. I'll tell you what, you're making everybody else stand up, though, pal.'

According to the , Graham said he was never offended by the mistake.

'Oh nothing, you're all set,' she responded.

'I directed the intelligence community to give me a deep dive on what's happened. I'll know better tomorrow,' he said in continuing his response before putting the paper back in his pocket.

The ordeal was clipped by the Republican National Committee Twitter account and reposted by Trump's former White House press secretary Kayleigh McEnany.

Jackson, the Republican from Texas who was elected to Congress after serving as Trump's top White House doctor, said he thinks that Biden should be administered the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA) to test for memory impairment, dementia, and other possible maladies.

'I think he's demonstrating every single day that there is something going on,' Jackson told Fox News on Saturday.

'You don't need to be a physician to look at this behavior and see there's something concerning happening.

'He's just not aging gracefully at this point.'

Biden, who is known for misspeaking and making verbal gaffes, has had his cognitive fitness questioned after mixing up the names of aides and colleagues while seeming to forget job titles and other details.

During a news conference at last month's G7 summit meeting in the United Kingdom, Biden appeared to mix up Syria and Libya three times.

## **HOW BIDEN COULD BE REMOVED USING THE 25TH AMENDMENT**

The 25th Amendment, which also governs a president who voluntarily relinquishes power on a temporary basis, requires that the vice president and 'a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide' inform the Congress that the president is 'unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office.'

It is a provision never before used for the removal of a president against his will.

It requires Vice President Kamala Harris and a majority of the Cabinet to vote to remove Biden from office due to his inability to 'discharge the powers and duties of his office'.

Even if Harris and half the cabinet agrees, the 25th Amendment move requires a two-thirds majority of both chambers if the president objects.

Jackson said Trump set a precedent when he agreed to undergo the testing. The 45th president was known to give rambling, run-on statements in press interviews that prompted observers to question his cognitive fitness.

'The far left and the mainstream media were demanding that be the new standard for anybody who's going to lead our country and be our Commander-in-Chief and our head of state,' Jackson told Fox News earlier this month.

'I'm just saying I agree with them at this point - we need to get it done.'

He has also mistakenly referred to his vice president, Kamala Harris, as 'President Harris.'

Jackson added: 'You can go back – there's forty years of tape of this man – he's always made gaffes and stuff but these are different, he's confused, he's disoriented,' the congressman said.

'We all know people who are 100-years old, who basically are as sharp as a tack, and we know people who are in their mid-60s that having some cognitive difficulties...and I think he's on that end of the spectrum.'

Last month, the White House said Biden plans to take his annual physical 'later this year.'

The White House has committed to releasing the results of a medical check-up before the end of the year, but officials are generally reluctant to discuss the president's health.

'I'm just asking them, when you do the physical exam include the cognitive assessment,' Jackson said.

'As far as I'm concerned the standard precedent has been set and they need to follow and do the same.'

Jackson was promoted to a White House physician while still deployed in Iraq in 2006.

He's served in three administrations - those of Presidents George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump - and held a variety of positions, including the physician supervisor for Camp David, before being promoted to physician to the president under Obama in 2013.

Jackson himself was subject to an Inspector General's report in March that found he engaged in 'inappropriate conduct' involving alcohol use, 'disparaged' and 'belittled' subordinates.

He was Trump's unsuccessful nominee in 2018 to become the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

The congressman announced last month that he sent Biden a letter urging him to take a cognitive test.

Jackson has been circulating the letter with House colleagues and has been able to get the signatures of 13 lawmakers.

The letter cites the president's 'mental decline and forgetfulness', notes several of his 'gaffes', and urges the White House to publish the test results immediately.

It was addressed to the president, his physician Dr. Kevin O'Connor and Chief Medical Advisor Dr. Anthony Fauci, and called on the Biden to share the results with the country.



**Congress of the United States**  
Washington, DC 20510

June 17, 2021

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write to you today to express concern with your current cognitive state. We believe that, regardless of gender, age, or political party, all Presidents should follow the precedent set by former President Trump to document and demonstrate sound mental abilities.

The American people should have absolute confidence in their President. They deserve to know that he or she can perform the duties of Head of State and Commander in Chief. They deserve full transparency on the mental capabilities of their highest elected leader. To achieve this, we urge you to submit to a cognitive test immediately. We implore you to then publish the test results, so the American people know the full mental and intellectual health of their President, and to set an example for all Presidents to follow going forward.

Previously, while on the campaign trail, you agreed to a similar assessment. At first, you “grew testy” and questioned “why the hell would I take a test,” according to an AP report.<sup>1</sup> Later, you relented and said you were “very willing to let the American public judge my physical, mental – my physical, as well as my mental fitness and to, you know, to make a judgement about who I am.”

As you may remember, starting in 2018, political opponents and members of the media clamored for then-President Trump to take a cognitive test. In response, the White House Physician conducted a Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MOCA) for President Trump, at which he excelled.

According to Dr. Ziad Nasreddine, the neurologist who created the test, MOCA is a simple screening tool to identify early signs of mental impairment.<sup>2</sup> Dr. Nasreddine said the test is best administered when a person or their loved ones “start noticing mental decline,” particularly forgetfulness on ordinary tasks. MOCA results allow a medical expert to identify “cognitive impairment that comes with diseases like Alzheimer’s, stroke, or multiple sclerosis.” This is pertinent since it was publicly documented during your candidacy that you had previously suffered from aneurysms associated with at least one hemorrhagic stroke. Certain behaviors that signal someone should take the exam include “patients repeating themselves, losing car keys frequently, forgetting recent events, and multiple instances of forgetting conversations.” Unfortunately, your forgetfulness and cognitive difficulties have been prominently on display over the past year.

Unfortunately, your mental decline and forgetfulness have become more apparent over the past eighteen months. In March, you forgot the name of the Pentagon, the Department of Defense, and the Defense Secretary, though you had said “Secretary Austin” just a few moments prior. The official White House transcript reads, “And I want to thank Sec- — the former general — I keep calling him ‘General.’ My — the guy who runs that outfit over there.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://apnews.com/article/election-2020-joe-biden-donald-trump-politics-970ebab7c7a7f848f4153a9282600014>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-bragging-cognitive-test-dementia/2020/07/22/6578e826-cb65-11ea-91f1-28aca4d833a0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/trump-bragging-cognitive-test-dementia/2020/07/22/6578e826-cb65-11ea-91f1-28aca4d833a0_story.html)

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Additionally, at the end of February, you visited Houston to survey the winter storm damage, where you misidentified the time of day and Senator John Cornyn's title, and you mispronounced Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee's first name and Congresswoman Lizzie Fletcher's maiden name of Pannill. Then, apparently forgetting the purpose of your visit, you questioned, "what am I doing here?" The White House transcript from 4:30 CST reads "...it's dinner time. Good afternoon — or almost. Actually, it's evening. And I want to thank you, Governor and Mrs. Abbott, for your hospitality and your friendship. And Representative — Senator Cornyn, I think he had to go back; I think he's getting on a plane. He told me last — he came in to see me last event. And Representatives Sheila Jackson Lee, Al Green, Sylvia Garcia, Lizzie Pannilli [sic] — excuse me, Pannill [Fletcher] — and — what am I doing here? I'm going to lose track here."<sup>4</sup>

In May, you remembered an article from "my fourth or fifth year as vice president..." that said, "Biden travels 1,300,000 miles on Air Force One," though, as you know, the Vice President actually travels aboard Air Force Two.<sup>5</sup> You continued the story to explain that you took frequent trips home that year because your mom was sick, and to remember an Amtrak conductor named Angelo Negri who congratulated you on reaching 1,500,000 career miles on Amtrak. However, the timeline of that story does not match up. Your fourth year as vice president would have been 2013, Negri's obituary states he retired from Amtrak in 1993, and your mother passed away in 2010.<sup>6</sup>

Finally, in March of 2020, you started to recite the oft-quoted first line of the Declaration of Independence, but you seemingly forgot the phrase. You stated, "We hold these truths to be self-evident. All men and women are created, by the, you know, you know the thing."<sup>7</sup> Most school-age children could recite that famous and revered patriotic phrase by heart, but you could not.

As Democratic Representative Jamie Raskin previously pointed out, with many politicians and the population at-large growing older, "it's not hard to think that there will be future situations where the president's physical and mental state may create issues for us."<sup>8</sup> At the time of this quote, Representative Raskin was introducing legislation to establish an independent commission that could examine a President's fitness for office and determine "whether the President is mentally or physically unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office."

We agree with the statements put forth by Representative Raskin. As such, we encourage you to follow the example set by President Trump, by undergoing a cognitive test as soon as possible and immediately making the results available for the American people.

CC: Kevin O'Connor, D.O., Physician to the President  
Anthony Fauci, M.D., Chief Medical Advisor to the President

Thank you,

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/03/08/remarks-by-president-biden-on-international-womens-day/>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/02/26/remarks-by-president-biden-at-a-fema-covid-19-vaccination-facility/>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-amtrak-story-fact-check-conductor-million-miles>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/app/obituary.aspx?n=angelo-negri&pid=171162617&tid=21859>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.fox32chicago.com/news/ise-biden-hotches-declaration-of-independence-quote-during-texas-rally>

<sup>8</sup> <https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/pelosi-propose-experts-review-presidents-mental-fitness-25th/story?id=73507849>

  
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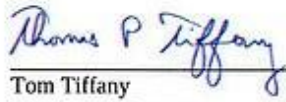
  
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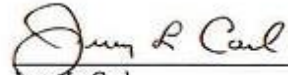
  
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'The American people deserve to have absolute confidence in their president,' it read.

'They deserve to know that he or she can perform the duties demanded of the office, and they deserve to have full transparency on the mental state of their highest elected leader.

'I would argue that the American people don't have that confidence in President Biden.'

It goes on to list examples of moments of the president's apparent confusion - forgetting the name of the Defense Secretary, muddling Air Force One with Air Force Two, and apparently forgetting the words to the first line of the Declaration of Independence.

'Just everything that has been going on for the last year and a half ... [Biden] doesn't know what's going on, where he's at. He's very confused all the time,' he said in an interview with .

Jackson was the physician in the Obama and Trump administrations, but has never evaluated Biden.

He was famous for his partisan diagnoses, on one occasion saying that Trump had 'incredibly good genes' and that 'if he had a healthier diet over the last 20 years, he might live to be 200 years old.'



Then-President Donald Trump and Jackson are seen in the White House in 2017. Jackson served as White House physician for Obama and Trump until 2018 but did not provide care to Biden when he was Vice President

On a Trump campaign call in October, he said he was convinced Biden does 'not have the mental capacity, the cognitive ability to serve as our commander in chief and head of state'.

The letter went on to say how Trump's opponents and the media 'clamored for the then president to take a cognitive test.

Trump 'excelled' at the Montreal Cognitive Assessment, it continued, before suggesting Biden was a prime candidate for further examination because of his forgetfulness.

Trump later described the test, which he said he took to silence critics.

'It was 30 or 35 questions. The first questions are very easy,' he told Fox News.

'The last questions are much more difficult. Like a memory question

'It's like, you'll go, 'Person, woman, man, camera, TV.'

'So they say, 'Could you repeat that?'

'So I said, 'Yeah. So it's, person, woman, man, camera, TV.'

'OK, that's very good. If you get it in order, you get extra points.'

## Can YOU pass the cognitive test taken by former President Trump?

**MONTREAL COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT (MOCA)**  
Version 7.1 Original Version

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Education: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>ATTENTION</b>		Read list of digits (2 digit/ sec). Subject has to repeat them in the forward order [ ] 2 1 8 5 4. Subject has to repeat them in the backward order [ ] 7 4 2.		[ ] FBACMHAJJKLSAFKDEAAAJAMOTFAE		___/2		
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<b>LANGUAGE</b>		Repeat: I only know that John is the one to help today. [ ] The cat always sat under the couch when dogs were in the room. [ ]		[ ] _____ (in 2-11 words)		___/2		
<b>ABSTRACTION</b>		Similarity between e.g. banana - orange = fruit [ ] bats - bicycle [ ] switch - ruler		[ ] _____		___/2		
<b>DELAYED RECALL</b>		has to recall words	FACE	VELVET	CHURCH	DAISY	RED	points for UNCLUED recall only
WITH NO CLUE		[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	___/5	
<b>Optional</b>		Category cue						
<b>ORIENTATION</b>		[ ] State	[ ] Month	[ ] Year	[ ] Day	[ ] Place	[ ] City	___/6
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Administered by: _____						Total points: 31/30		

This is a copy of the sheet the examiner and patient fill out during the 10-minute test

Former President Donald Trump received a perfect score on a standard cognitive assessment test, his doctor revealed in a White House briefing in January 2018.

The 10-minute test, known as the Montreal Cognitive Assessment (MoCA), was created in 1996 for medical professionals to identify mild cognitive dysfunction.

It assesses concentration, attention, memory, language, calculations, orientation, executive functions and visual skills.

Trump scored 30 out of 30. A score above 26 is deemed 'normal,' while anything lower than that is cause for concern.

Those who do well on the test do not need further cognitive examination.

The average score is 27.4. People with mild cognitive impairment score an average of 22.1, while Alzheimer's patients tend to score around 16.

First used in Montreal, Canada, the test is now one of the most respected methods of assessing cognitive health worldwide, available in 55 languages and dialects, and formats for testing illiterate patients and in other cultural settings (by changing certain references).

Trump was the first U.S. president to undergo the test as part of his presidential physical.

This is how a doctor performs the test, and how a patient is graded:

## **1. ALTERNATING TRAIL MAKING**

**TEST:** The patient is told to pair up five numbers and letters (1-5, A-E) in ascending order (pairing 1 with A, 2 with B, etc) while drawing connect-the-dots lines.

**RESULT:** The patient gets a point for every successful pair: 1-A; 2-B; 3-C; 4-D; 5-E. No lines can be crossed. The patient earns 0 if they make a mistake that is not immediately corrected.



## **2. VISUOCONSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS (CUBE)**

**TEST:** Draw your own version of the cube in the space next to it.

It must be exactly the same as the one printed on the page.

**RESULT:** One point if it is drawn correctly (i.e. three-dimensional, all lines are drawn, no line is added, lines are relatively parallel and their length is similar – no point if any of those criteria are missing).

## **3. VISUOCONSTRUCTIONAL SKILLS (CLOCK)**

**TEST:** Draw a clock, putting in all the numbers and set the time to 10 minutes past 11 o'clock.

**RESULT:** One point is allocated for each of the following three criteria:

A point is not assigned for a given element if any of the above-criteria are not met.

## **4. NAMING**

**TEST:** Name each animal.

**RESULT:** One point for each

## **5. MEMORY**

**TEST:**

The doctor tells the patient that they are going to read a list of words that the patient must remember. At the end the patient has to tell them as many as they remember; it doesn't matter what order.

The doctor then reads five words, one per second:

***FACE, VELVET, CHURCH, DAISY, RED***

As the patient recites the words, the doctor marks a check in the box for each word said aloud.

The patient indicates when they have recalled all they can.

The doctor reads the list a second time. At the end the patient has to recall all of them again.

As the patient recites the words, the doctor marks a check in the box for each word said aloud – including the first five again.

The patient indicates when they have recalled all they can.

At the end of the test, the doctor asks the patient to recall the five words, unprompted. This is the part of the test that is scored.

**SCORING:** No plus points, only minus if they get it wrong.

## **6. ATTENTION**

### **TEST (NUMBERS):**

Recall numbers: The doctor reads a list of five numbers at a rate of one number per second; the patient recalls them exactly as they were said:

**2 1 8 5 4**

Recall numbers backwards: The doctor reads three numbers at a rate of one number per second; the patient recalls them backwards:

**7 4 2**

**SCORING:** One point per sequence correctly recited.

**TEST (LETTERS):** The doctor reads a list of letters at a rate of one per second. Every time they say the letter 'A', the patient has to tap their hand:

**F B A C M N A A J K L B A F A K D E A A A J A M O F A A B**

**SCORING:** One point if there is zero errors or just one error (i.e. the patient tapped their hand on another letter just once).

**TEST (MATH):** The patient starts at 100, then must count down by subtracting seven every time, until the examiner tells them to stop:

**SCORING:** Total of three points.

If the first subtraction is wrong, but each subsequent subtraction follows the pattern of seven, they still earn every other point. For example, they may say ". While '92' is incorrect, all subsequent numbers are subtracted by seven, meaning they only made one mistake, and would a score of three.

## **7. SENTENCE REPETITION**

### **TEST:**

Step one: The examiner reads this sentence, and the patient has to repeat it exactly: *'I only know that John is the one to help today'*.

Step two: The examiner then reads another sentence, with the same instruction: *'The cat always hid under the couch when dogs were in the room'*.

**SCORING:** One point for each correct sentence.

## **8. VERBAL FLUENCY**

**TEST:** The doctor reads out a letter (*F*), and the patient has to think of words that starts with that letter. The aim is to reach 11 words or more in 60 seconds.

**SCORING:** One point if they reach 11 words or more in one minute.

## **9. ABSTRACTION**

**TEST:** The patient has to describe what the relationship is between certain words (i.e, an orange and a banana; a train and a bicycle; a ruler and a watch).

There is one practice trial (ORANGE AND BANANA) before two scored pairs (TRAIN AND BICYCLE; WATCH AND RULER).

**SCORING:** One point for each of the last two pairs.

Acceptable answers:

Unacceptable answers:

## **10. DELAYED RECALL**

**TEST:** The patient has to recall all the words they heard earlier (FACE, VELVET, CHURCH, DAISY, RED).

**SCORING:** One point for each word recalled (with no cues from the examiner).

## **11. ORIENTATION**

**TEST:** Say the exact date, and the name of the place they are in, including the city.

**SCORING:** One point for each correct answer. No points if they make any errors.

## **TOTAL SCORE:**

Add up all the points accumulating, adding a point if the patient has fewer than 12 years of formal educations.