

Poll reveals number of Americans who believe Biden's cognitive decline affects his ability to serve as president

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- Voters say that Donald Trump appeared more presidential at the debate
- Worry is growing in the Democratic Party about Biden's cognitive fitness

More and more Americans are growing concerned that President [Joe Biden](#) no longer has the cognitive faculties to serve as president.

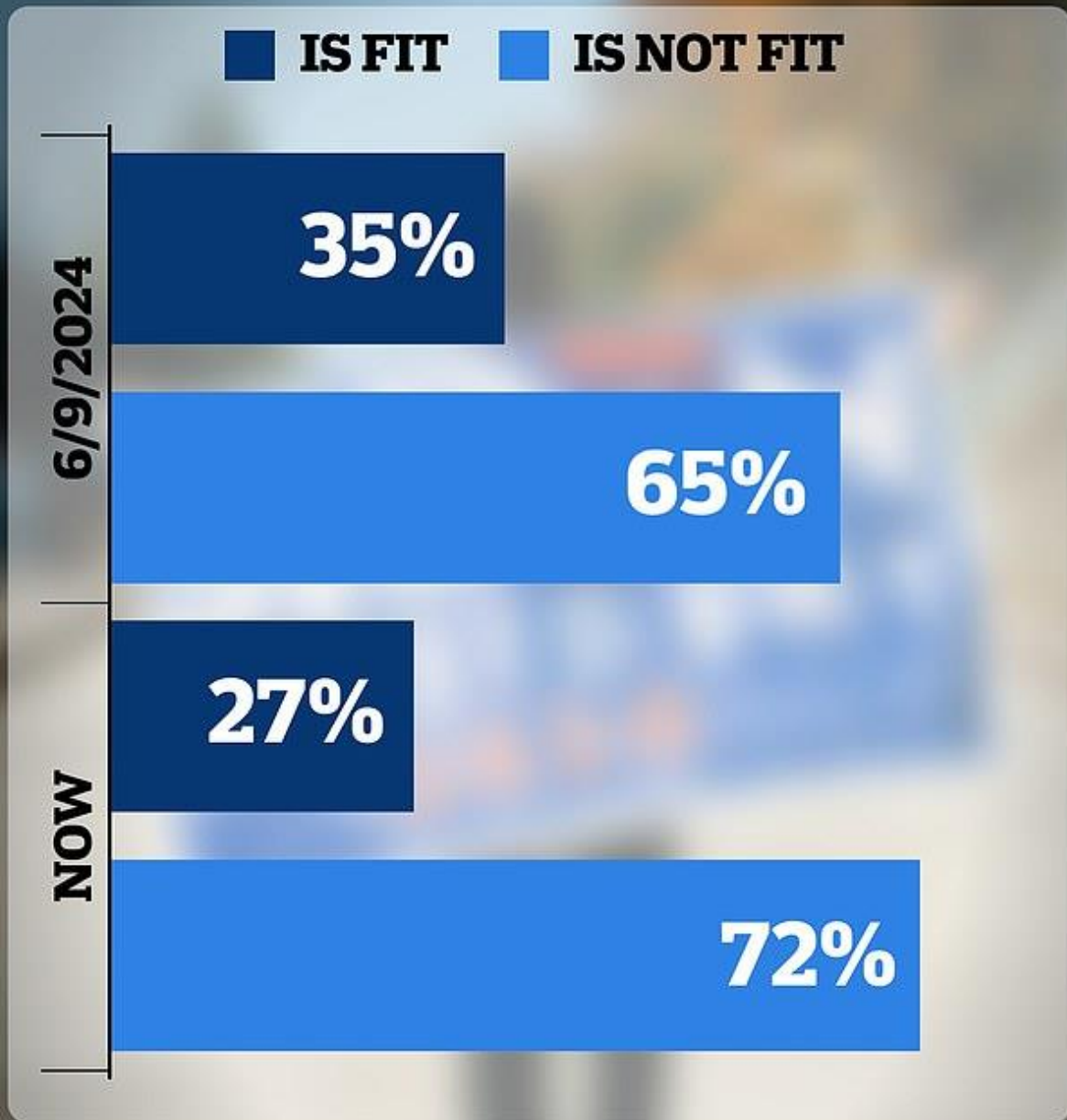
It comes after [Biden's car crash performance at the CNN debate in Atlanta, Georgia](#) on Thursday against former President [Donald Trump](#).

The number of registered voters who believe Biden, 81, isn't fit for the title of commander-in-chief grew by seven percent from earlier this month.

Before the debate in a June 9 poll, 65 percent said Biden doesn't have the mental fitness to serve another four years – but after the debate, that grew to 72 percent, [according to the CBS News/YouGov survey](#).

And nearly half (46 percent) of Biden's own party don't think he should run for president in 2024.

GROWING NUMBER OF AMERICANS DON'T THINK BIDEN IS FIT FOR OFFICE



Source: CBS News Poll | YouGov

CBS News polling shows that from early June to after the debate, voters' have an increasing view that President Joe Biden does not have the cognitive health to serve another term in the White House

Despite Democratic Party members, donors and strategists claiming it might be time for Biden to step aside, it seems there are a lack of alternate options and many lawmakers aren't jumping on board with switching candidates this late in the game.

Nearly three-quarters of voters of all parties said that Biden shouldn't be running for president – and most said it was because of his age.

A whopping 86 percent said Biden's age is why they don't want Biden continuing to run for reelection, while the second-highest reason was the 71 percent who are worried about decisions he might make in a second term in office.

Sixty-six percent say they are worried about his record from his first term and

Voters most times list inflation and the economy as their top issue heading into November and many rank Biden as weak in those areas and claim they were better off financially under Trump.

Another top issue is the southern border crisis, which has surged under Biden's presidency.

Doubts increased from before the debate to after the debate over Biden's mental acuity and cognitive health.

Biden stumbled his way through the debate with Trump on Thursday, often speaking lowly, mumbling or losing his train of thought. When Trump was speaking, the split screen showed the President with his mouth ajar and a blank stare.

The outcome resulted in a chorus of calls for Biden to end his candidacy – even from some of his biggest supporters.

On the other hand, Trump's debate performance has only increased his party's support.

Fifty percent of registered voters think the 78-year-old has the cognitive faculties to run for a second term in 2024 – only 27 percent feel the same about Biden.



Of the 1,130 polled, all said that Trump won the debate in several different areas.

While 46 percent said he appeared more presidential, only 28 percent said that about the current President.

A mere 18 percent of voters said that Biden inspired confidence in the debate.

It's unclear what will happen next, but Biden is spending his Sunday at Camp David where he is discussing the future of this race with his family.

Some are blaming First Lady Jill Biden for forcing her husband to continue campaigning for reelection, and Republican Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-Wy.) [accused the first lady of 'elder abuse.'](#)