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# Dozens of House Republicans demand Biden take cognitive test or drop out of 2024 race

Rep Ronny Jackson has been vocal in his calls for President Biden to take a cognitive test since the president took office in 2021



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## Rep. Ronny Jackson on Biden's cancerous lesion removal: He's 'the cancer;' 'he needs to be removed'

Rep. Ronny Jackson, R-Texas, responds to Biden's health report and discusses his suitability for office, including how other nations perceive him.

**FIRST ON FOX:** Texas GOP Rep. Ronny Jackson led a letter of 61 Republicans demanding President Biden take a cognitive test or pull out of the 2024 presidential race.

Jackson, a former White House doctor, and the Republicans wrote that, in light of Biden's 2024 presidential re-election campaign announcement, they were concerned with his "current cognitive state and ability to serve another term as President."

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## **EX-WHITE HOUSE DOCTOR REP RONNY JACKSON DEMANDS BIDEN TAKE COGNITIVE TEST OR DROP OUT OF 2024 RACE**



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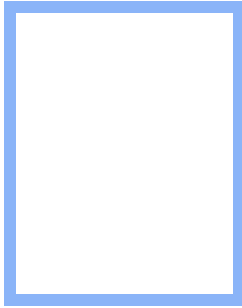
"While you have undergone two physical exams during your presidency, one on November 19, 2021, and another on February 16, 2023, there is no indication you have had any cognitive assessment, or if you have, such results were concealed from the public," they continued.

The Republicans wrote that, following Biden's February physical, the White House physician Kevin O'Connor "claimed you were a 'healthy, vigorous, 80-year-old male, who is fit successfully execute the duties of the Presidency, to include those as Chief Executive, Head of State, and Commander in Chief.'"

"However, this is a statement based on a physical exam that excluded the evaluation of your cognitive and mental abilities, which is where our concerns, and the concerns of the American public, lie," [they wrote](#).

Jackson and his 61 Republican colleagues noted the three separate "letters on this issue" since Biden took office and that the president has "failed to respond to any of these letters and have actively ignored the requests of over 50 Members of Congress for you to submit to a cognitive exam."

"While you and your staff dismiss these inquiries, the American people continue to question your mental and cognitive abilities and lose faith in your ability to lead this country," they wrote, pointing to a Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll that found 57% of voters "do not believe you are mentally fit to serve as President or have doubts about your mental fitness."



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Dear President Biden,

In light of your recent announcement to run for reelection in the 2024 presidential election, we express our concern with your current cognitive state and ability to serve as President. We believe that, regardless of gender, age, or political party, all presidents should document and demonstrate sound mental abilities. While you have undergone cognitive exams during your presidency, one on November 19, 2021,<sup>1</sup> and another on February 8, 2022,<sup>2</sup> there is no indication you have had any cognitive assessment, or if you have, it was concealed from the public. Following your most recent physical, White House physician Dr. Ronny L. Jackson, D.O. claimed you were a "healthy, vigorous, 80-year-old male, who successfully executes the duties of the Presidency, to include those as Chief Executive, Vice President, and Commander in Chief." However, this is a statement based on a physical exam that excluded the evaluation of your cognitive and mental abilities, which is where the concerns of the American public lie.

As you may recall, multiple Members of Congress sent you letters on this issue on several occasions since you were sworn into office. The first was on June 17, 2021, the second on February 8, 2022, and the third on July 27, 2022. Yet, you have failed to respond to these letters and have actively ignored the requests of over 50 Members of Congress to undergo a cognitive exam.

While you and your staff dismiss these inquiries, the American people continue to express concern about your mental and cognitive abilities and lose faith in your ability to lead this country. In a Harvard CAPS-Harris Poll, which states 57% of voters do not believe you are fit to serve as President or have doubts about your mental fitness.<sup>3</sup> According to another poll, 74% of voters say all presidential candidates, regardless of age, should have to undergo a competency test.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/President-Biden-Current-2021-11-19.pdf>  
<sup>2</sup> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Health-Summary-2-16.pdf>  
<sup>3</sup> <https://harrisharrispoll.com/bye-results-february-3/>  
<sup>4</sup> <https://morningconsult.com/2023/03/01/most-voters-back-presidential-competency-test/>

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When you first announced your bid to run in the 2020 presidential election, questions and concerns were raised surrounding your cognitive abilities. Those concerns have only increased since you were elected. Over the past two years, public appearances where you shuffle your feet, trip when you walk, slur your words, forget names, lose your train of thought, and appear momentarily confused have become more of a common occurrence. These incidences are so noticeable that if you search "Biden gaffes" online, over 14,000,000 results appear. The frequency and rate at which they occur are highly concerning and cast doubt on your ability to execute the duties required of the President of the United States.

Citizens of the United States should have absolute confidence in their President or she can perform their duties as Head of State and Commander in Chief. They deserve complete transparency on the mental capabilities of their highest elected official. Moreover, the United States' national security relies on a cognitively sound Commander in Chief, and it is evident that you do not fit that bill. Therefore, we call on you to undergo a cognitive exam for your bid for reelection or submit to a clinically validated cognitive screening test and make those results available to the public. Successful completion of this type of exam would reassure the minds of the concerned American public and prove that you are capable of executing the duties required by the President of the United States. More importantly, it would allow you to come to terms with the many failures of your administration and allow a mentally fit leader to emerge.

We encourage you to put the wants and needs of the American people above your own and make the decision that best serves our country.

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"These incidents are so common and noticeable that if you search 'Biden gaffes' online, over 14,000,000 results appear," the lawmakers wrote. "These incidents and the rate at which they occur are highly concerning and cast doubt upon your ability to execute the duties required of the President of the United States."

The Republicans wrote that U.S. citizens "should have absolute confidence in their President and know that he or she can perform their duties as Head of State and Commander in Chief."

Additionally, the lawmakers said the "American people deserve complete transparency" on the president's "mental capabilities" and that the country's national security "relies on a cognitively sound Commander in Chief," blasting Biden as not fitting "that bill."

"Therefore, we call on you to either renounce your bid for reelection or submit to a clinically validated cognitive screening assessment and make those results available to the public," the Republicans wrote. "Successful completion of this type of exam will ease the minds of the concerned American public and prove that you are capable of performing the duties required by the President of the United States."



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(SAUL LOEB/AFP via Getty Images)

"More importantly, failure of such a test will allow you to come to terms with the many failures of your administration over the past two years and allow a mentally fit leader to emerge," they continued.

White House spokesperson Andrew Bates pointed Fox News Digital to his previous comments on Jackson's calls for Biden to take a cognitive test.

"I honestly don't care about Ronny Jackson's 'look at me' routine," Bates said. "But if y'all get any mail from Nick Riviera, please don't be a stranger."



Bates was referring to "The Simpsons" character Dr. Nick Riviera — better known as Dr. Nick — who is a quack medical doctor with shady credentials.

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The Texas Republican's letter has been circulating since last month and garnered dozens of GOP signatures, including prominent lawmakers House Republican Conference chairwoman Elise Stefanik of New York, House chief deputy whip Guy Reschenthaler of Pennsylvania, and Texas Rep. Dan Crenshaw.

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