

# NYTIMES LAUNDERS ITS OWN AGENCY

After having scolded the President that he “should leave the race” that Democratic primary voters elected him to run.

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## To Serve His Country, President Biden Should Leave the Race

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And having ordered the Democratic Party to “speak the [NYT’s] plain truth to Biden,

# The Democratic Party Must Speak the Plain Truth to the President

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**By The Editorial Board**

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And having ignored Trump's own actions in the meanwhile (for example, NYT has no report yet on Viktor Orbán's latest shenanigans, and they've only just reported on Trump's attempts to disavow Project 2025, which they put in a both-sides frame and don't cite NYT's long focus on his Project 2025 aligned plans; Update, 10:09AM ET: NYT has now posted a cursory 7¶¶ 3-byline piece on Orbán.), NYT has now weighed in against Trump.

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Kenny Holston/The New York Times

At least in its headline, the NYT doesn't scold Trump. It doesn't order the GOP to do anything.

It observes.

Once you click through to their actual op-ed, however, NYT does something else.

The Democrats are rightly engaged in their own debate about whether President Biden is the right person to carry the party's nomination into the election, given widespread concerns among voters about his age-related fitness. This debate is so intense because of legitimate concerns that Mr. Trump may present a danger to the country, its strength, security and national character — and that a compelling Democratic alternative is the only thing that would prevent his return to power. It is a national tragedy that the Republicans have failed to have a similar debate about the manifest moral and temperamental unfitness of their standard-bearer, instead setting aside their longstanding values, closing ranks and choosing to overlook what those who worked most closely with the former president have described as his systematic dishonesty, corruption, cruelty and incompetence.

That task now falls to the American people. We urge voters to see the dangers of a second Trump term clearly and to reject it. The stakes and significance of the presidency demand a person who has essential qualities and values to earn our trust, and on each one, Donald Trump fails.

It launders agency it has been exercising all over its front page.

“The Democrats are rightly engaged in their own debate,” the paper that has supplanted every other kind of news to frame that debate says.

“The debate is so intense,” NYT says, not because reporters have engaged in conspiracy theorizing, lied, and (as Nancy Pelosi said of NYT’s overreading of her attempt to be subtle, “ma[d]e stories up.”

## Pelosi Suggests That Biden Should Reconsider Decision to Stay in the Race

Representative Nancy Pelosi, a longtime Biden ally and the former speaker, is the most senior member of his party who has so far suggested he consider dropping out.



Representative Nancy Pelosi said she wanted to restart the conversations about President Biden's future, but to "hold off" on doing so until after the NATO summit he is hosting this week. Haiyun Jiang for The New York Times



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Representative Nancy Pelosi of California, the former speaker, suggested on Wednesday that President Biden should reconsider his decision to remain in the presidential race, the strongest public push yet from a senior member of his party for him to weigh dropping out.

Despite mounting concerns that his candidacy could cost Democrats not only the White House but both chambers of Congress, Mr. Biden has been unequivocal about his intention to seek a second term, telling members of Congress in a letter on Monday that his mind is made up and "I'm firmly committed to staying in this race." On Wednesday, Ms. Pelosi said on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" that the president should continue to weigh his options.

"It's up to the president to decide if he is going to run," she said. "We're all encouraging him to make that decision. Because time is running short."

After which, NYT has relabeled as "analysis" and done significant massaging of their story – though not without labeling Biden "defiant" again.

No.

The debate is so intense because, NYT says, "a compelling Democratic alternative is the only thing that will prevent [Trump's] return to power."

Which is to suggest that Joe Biden's historic success – the policy stuff that, at NYT, always takes the backseat to Biden's age – is not compelling at all.

Meanwhile, rather than bossing the Republican Party around like NYT did Democrats, NYT wrings its journalistic hands: "It is a national tragedy that the Republicans have failed to have a similar debate," like the one NYT has forced down Democrats' throats.

Rather than scolding about what Trump "should" do or ordering what Republicans "must" do, NYT simply "urges" voters here.

This is the op-ed page. It's where NYT is supposed to exercise the omniscient narrator they've sicced on a non-stop flood of Joe Biden stories.

But it would be really nice if elsewhere, off the op-ed page, NYT would focus on reporting, including on the guy they claim is unfit to lead.