

## Twitter Thread by [Drew Holden](#)



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[@DrewHolden360](#)



Okay fine■.

Guys. People lost their minds when Trump walked slowly down a ramp one time.

I don't think the Biden stair stumble stuff should matter. But boy did the media set one hell of a precedent about presidential walking patterns.

And if you've forgotten, read on ■■

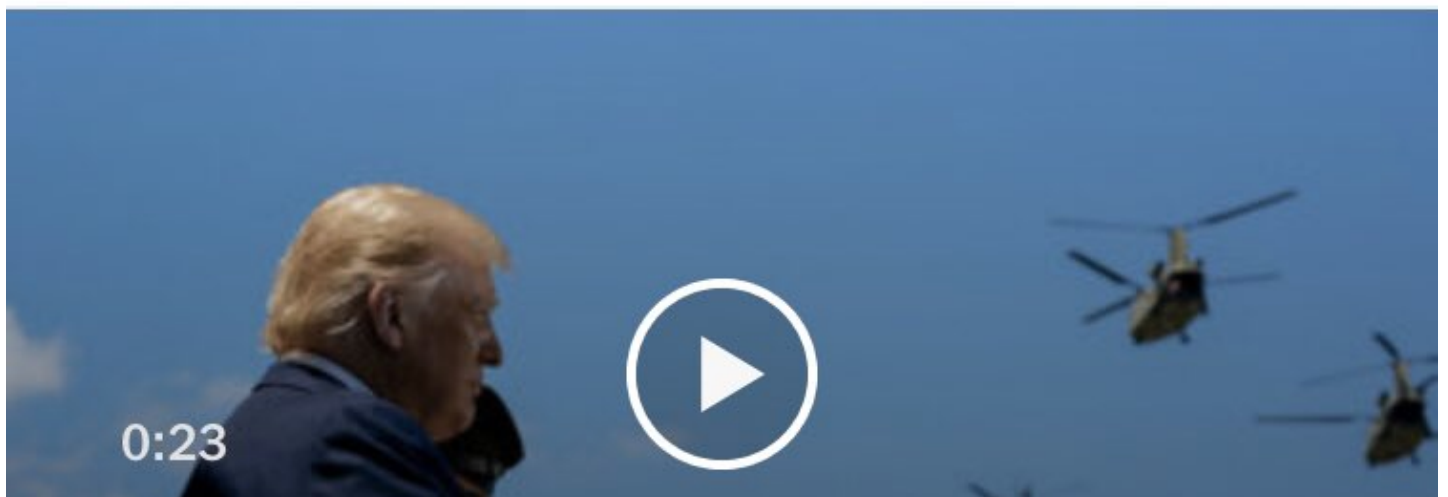
Remember this very earnest and concerned [@nytimes](#) story (and video!)? Suggesting his "halting walk" "raises new health questions"??

I wonder if we'll hear about how Biden is the oldest president when (if?) his stair story hits print.



## *Trump's Halting Walk Down Ramp Raises New Health Questions*

The president also appeared to have trouble raising a glass of water to his mouth during a speech at West Point a day before he turned 74, the oldest a president has been in his first term.



And people picked this story up. This was a whole news cycle! Here's [@kylegriffin1](#) and [@jaketapper](#) sharing this story as if it were something that mattered.



**Kyle Griffin** ✓  
@kylegriffin1



"Trump faced new questions about his health on Sunday, after videos emerged of him gingerly walking down a ramp at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and having trouble bringing a glass of water to his mouth during a speech there."



Trump's Halting Walk Down Ramp Raises New Health Questions

I mean, cmon! @washingtonpost \*fact checked\* Trump's claim that the stairs were slippery!

Are you kidding me?! @PhilipRucker @seungminkim



The Washington Post   
@washingtonpost



Trump tries to explain his slow and unsteady walk down a ramp at West Point



Trump tries to explain his slow and unsteady walk down a ramp at West Point  
[washingtonpost.com](https://www.washingtonpost.com)

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This wasn't the first time Trump's stair walking was a media cycle. You may remember in 2017, there was another scandal about Trump's supposed fear of stairs.

[@CNN](#) had it as a chyron for a whole segment!

About whether Trump might be afraid of stairs!!



[@CNN](#) was of course all over #rampgate too.

[@ChrisCillizza](#) wrote an entire story about why the ramp mattered!



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Why the Donald Trump-West Point  
ramp story actually matters |  
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Slightly different tone this time! [@CNN](#)





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Thankfully nothing gets past [@atrupar](#)



**Aaron Rupar** ✓  
@atrupar



Trump descended a ramp extremely carefully at the end of his West Point speech today



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I mean ffs. [@PoliticusSarah.](#)



**Sarah Reese Jones** ✓  
@PoliticusSarah



These events are happening more and more frequently. Trump has struggled to drink a glass of water in public. He infamously could not walk down a ramp after delivering a commencement address,

Not Well Trump Nearly Falls Down Trying To Walk Up Steps



These people have no shame.





**Sarah Reese Jones** ✓  
@PoliticusSarah



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I mean Trump actually had to \*defend himself\* against these media allegations. [@Slate](#), no friend of the former president, even said so.

# SLATE



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## Trump Defends Slow Walk Down West Point Ramp: “Was Very Slippery”

BY DANIEL POLITI

JUNE 14, 2020 • 10:11 AM



I mean not even kidding you [@Forbes](#) did a whole breakdown of the ramp situation AND how people were reacting to it.

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# President Trump Walks Down Ramp At West Point, Here Is How People Reacted

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# Trump has trouble lifting glass of water and walking down ramp at West Point graduation

**By DAVE GOLDINER**

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

JUN 14, 2020 AT 9:31 AM



And the British press. Well. I don't even know. [@BBCNews](#) & [@TheSun](#) were dogged in their pursuit of whether Trump was, in fact, afraid of stairs.

# Donald Trump is 'scared of stairs' - but what is bathmophobia?

By **Meabh Ritchie**  
Newsbeat reporter

🕒 31 January 2017 | **Newsbeat**



Here's former Nixon White House counsel [@JohnWDean](#) with some real blue anon nonsense. "Physically and mentally impaired" okay sure.





**John W. Dean**   
@JohnWDean



Trump's West Point speech showed a man who is physically and mentally impaired. Drinking water should not take two hands unless you are hiding a tremor. Trump's delivery was halting, at times slurred. And his departure down a slight ramp revealed he needed a walker or golf cart.



**Chris D. Jackson**  @ChrisDJ... · 6/13/20

Replying to @atrupar

The choice is clear.





I just want to do one of these threads that doesn't also include [@JRubinBlogger](#)



**Jennifer 'pro-voting' Rubin** 

@JRubinBlogger



Trump's ill-conceived "Sleepy Joe" insult has collapsed on a ramp at West Point (the president's baby-stepping down the ramp is an image that may define his last year in office). One wonders where all the "Republicans in disarray!" headlines are.



But you see, this was a huge to-do for the NeverTrump-turned-Dem crowd. [@ProjectLincoln](#) put it into adds. [@kylegriffin1](#) shared a story from [@washingtonpost](#) about how this saga questioned Trump's fitness.



**The Lincoln Project**  
@ProjectLincoln



There's something seriously wrong with Trump's health: his trouble walking, the constant slurring, the way he drinks water.

The American people need to know what's going on.

[#TrumpIsNotWell](#)



Of course all the usual grifters jumped on. Here's:

[@ananavarro](#)

[@BillKristol](#)

[@SteveSchmidtSES](#) (go figure)

[@GeorgeTakei](#) (Lordy)



**Ana Navarro-Cárdenas**   
[@ananavarro](#)



Trump can't even walk down a damn ramp. Who died and made him qualified to judge athletic ability?



**The Washington Post**  [@was...](#) · 6/17/20

Trump in favor of Colin Kaepernick returning to NFL, but "he has to be able to play well"  
[wapo.st/3fADqsZ](https://wapo.st/3fADqsZ)

12:09 AM · 6/18/20 · [Twitter for iPad](#)

This shit should. not. matter. It has never mattered. There are all sorts of issues with Biden - including his mental and physical health - but whether he can adroitly jog up stairs isn't the issue.

Hopefully this episode will help the mainstream media learn that.

What will happen from here is simple: conservatives dunk on Biden, and the media and Dems push back that it's unfair.



Well you know what? Your rules. You made this bed. Be better.

I'm losing my mind.

I just. What are we doing here [@nytimes](#)



The New York Times   
@nytimes



President Biden was “doing 100% fine” after falling off balance while boarding Air Force One on Friday, according to a press secretary. The president exited the plane when he arrived in Atlanta without an issue.



Biden is ‘doing 100 percent fine’ after tripping while boarding Air Force One.

[nytimes.com](https://www.nytimes.com)



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Tricky footing puts the press on a tricky footing.



Joe Biden Wiped Out Big Time on the Air  
Force One Stairs  
[slate.com](https://www.slate.com)

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# Biden stumbles climbing stairs to Air Force One

Biden stumbles, loses footing climbing steps to Air Force One

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