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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 ■■

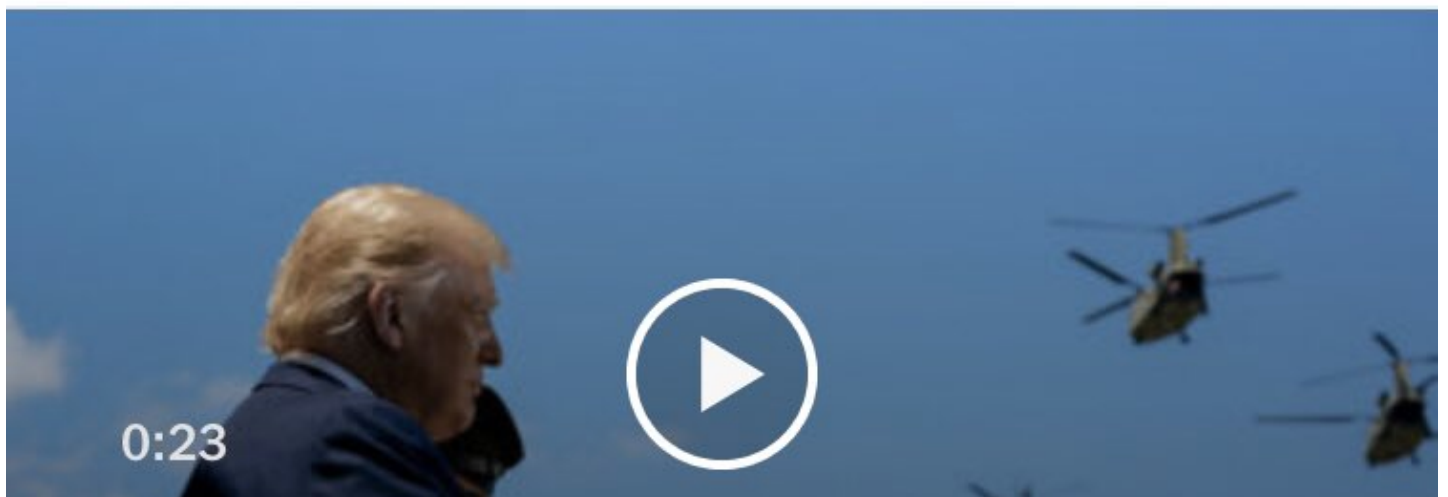
Remember this very earnest and concerned [@nytimes](#) story (and video!)? Suggesting his "halting walk" "raises new health questions"??

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 |
Analysis by CNN's Chris Cillizza
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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.

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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

Bruce Y. Lee Senior Contributor ⓘ

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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

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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