Twitter Thread by Drew Holden



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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 ■■

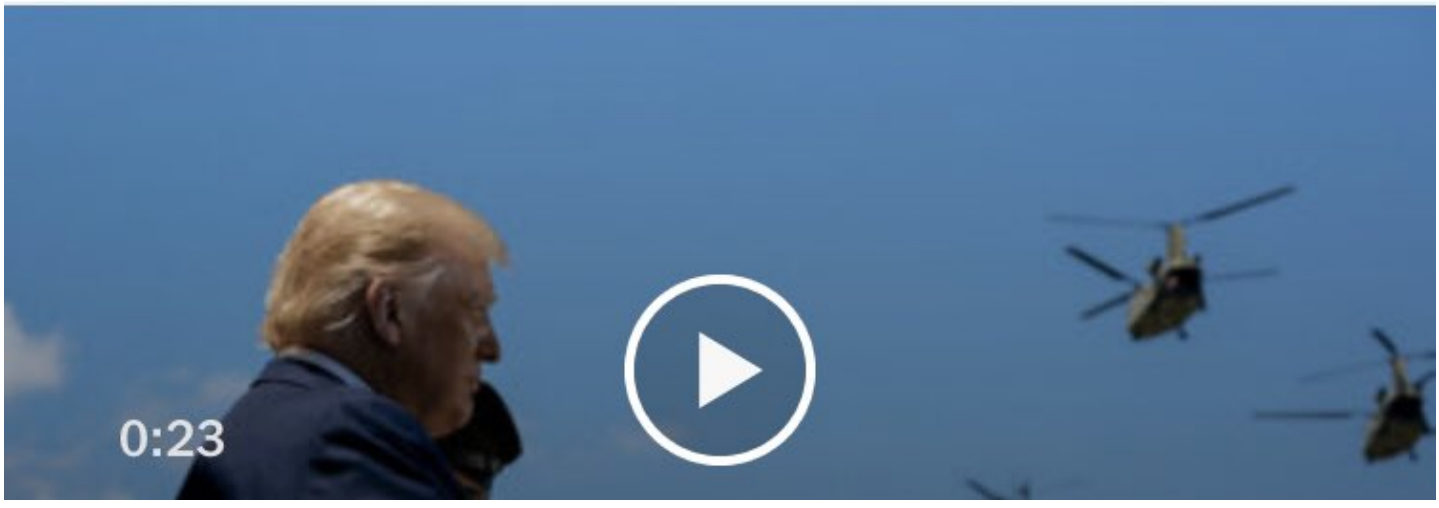
Remember this very earnest and concerned @nytimes story (and video!)? Suggesting his "halting walk" "raises new health questions"??

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

The New York Times

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

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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!

CNN Politics
@CNNPolitics

Why the Donald Trump-West Point ramp story actually matters | Analysis by CNN's Chris Cillizza
cnn.it/2zEiRwA



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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.

BBC NEWS

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.

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> **Chris D. Jackson** ✓ @ChrisDJ... · 6/13/20
> Replying to @atrupar
> The choice is clear.
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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.

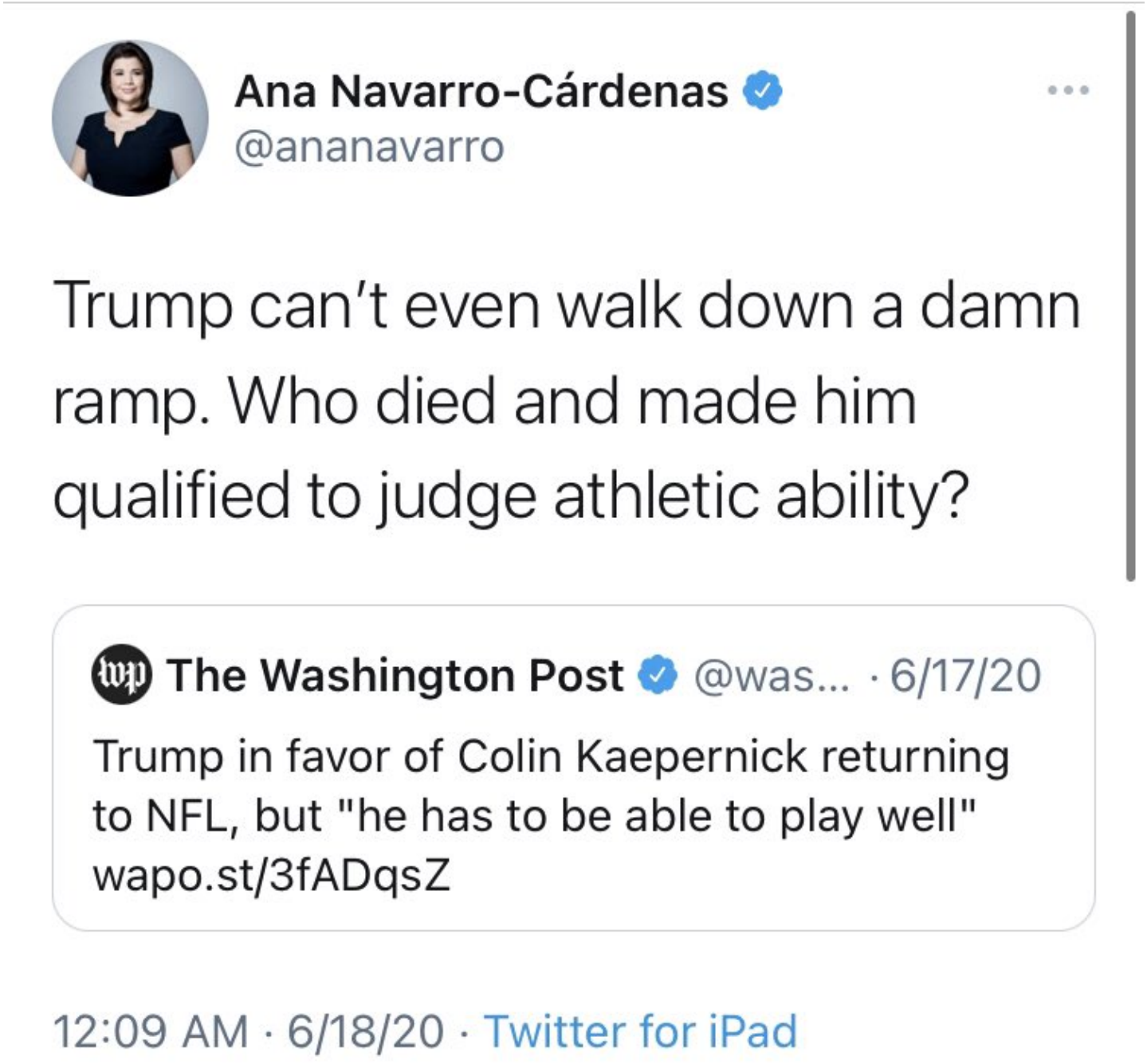
The American people need to know what's going on.

#TrumpIsNotWell



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

@ananavarro
@BillKristol
@SteveSchmidtSES (go figure)
@GeorgeTakei (Lordy)



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

Kudos to @Slate though they nailed it on this.

Slate
@Slate

Tricky footing puts the press on a tricky footing.



Joe Biden Wiped Out Big Time on the Air Force One Stairs
slate.com

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For new folks/those asking, I don't have anything to sell or subscribe to. But if you're able, food banks remain in desperate need of support. For those in DC (or otherwise) I think Capital Area Food Bank does great work. https://t.co/mtSmgEq0Up

Cool, cool.

The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Biden stumbles climbing stairs to Air Force One

