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Worth Quoting¹

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"He has completely lost it. This post is, beyond question, delusional. But is (*sic*) was also inevitable because he realizes ... he's not just running for the presidency, he's running for his freedom," <u>George Conway</u>, reacting to Trump's claim that videos of crowds at Harris's events were "AI created."

"A Mount Rushmore kind of president of the United States. You have Teddy Roosevelt up there. And he's wonderful. I don't say take him down. But you can add Biden. <u>Nancy Pelosi</u>, speaking to Lesley Stahl.

"In the presidential election of 2024 there is only one political party and one candidate for the presidency that can claim the mantle of defender and protector of America's Democracy, the Constitution, and the Rule of Law. As a result, I will unhesitatingly vote for the Democratic Party's candidate for the Presidency of the United States, Vice President of the United States, Kamala Harris . . . In voting for Vice President Harris, I assume that her public policy views are vastly different from my own, but I am indifferent in this election as to her policy views on any issues other than America's Democracy, the Constitution, and the Rule of Law, as I believe all Americans should be." Retired appellate court judge, <u>J. Michael Luttig</u>, who will be voting for a Democrat for the first time in his life.

"Donald Trump is the least credible person to listen to when it comes to hate and bigotry and certainly anti-Semitism. I mean, remember, this was the guy after Charlottesville — when folks were walking around with tiki torches saying, 'Jews will not replace us' — who literally said, 'There are good people on both sides.' Donald Trump is completely full of it; and he's trying to use me, and he's trying to use other Jews to divide Americans further. We have seen this with Donald Trump over and over again. He is the least credible person when it comes to standing up against hatred and bigotry. Josh Shapiro, reacting to Trump's claim anti-Semitism prevented him from being selected as Harris's running mate.

"Bro, we broke up with you for a reason." Cory Booker, speaking at the Democratic National Convention.

"You ever seen a document that could kill a small animal and democracy at the same time?" Kenan Thompson, holding Project 2025, The Heritage Foundation's 920-page blueprint to end

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democracy.

For years Donald Trump has been claiming that President Biden was senile. In light of Biden's accomplishments to date (including presiding over the most consequential legislative agenda since FDR), the charge is ludicrous.

Yet, like every Big Lie, there's a kernel of truth. The presidency takes a lot out of a person, Biden is the oldest to hold the office, and it is clear that the last four years have tired him. But Biden is no more senile than Trump is "a very stable genius."

Trump counted on a weakened Biden remaining in the race, but the lie has legs, the dog catches the car, and Biden stands down. Now there is only one "old guy" in the race and now perhaps *his* sanity (or lack thereof) will get the attention it deserves.

He's long gotten away with behavior that would cause someone to question his sanity. There are rambling disquisitions on wind; bizarre warnings about the dangers of electric boats; and the lunatic suggestions injected household bleach might be a way of treating Covid.

Moreover, there's his father's long descent into Alzheimer's, now coupled with his nephew's recent claim that Trump is not only starting to act similarly but that Alzheimer's runs in the Trump family.

Trump is not pleased by the sudden turn in the race. Like a petulant child (or someone entering a second childhood), Trump whines that it's unfair he has to run against Kamala Harris when his whole campaign was based on running against Biden. Poor baby.

He resorts to magical thinking, fantasizing Biden will storm the convention and seize back the nomination. It doesn't happen

Angered by the size of the crowds Harris is attracting, he claims they are "AI created," a charge George Conway correctly labels "delusional." The same can be said about his suggestion that Harris became black only recently

His narcissistic personality disorder rears its ugly head: "I'm much better looking than her," he says, responding to a suggestion that Harris's beauty will be an asset in the race.

Angered by the rapid memeification of Tim Walz's suggestion that Trump and J.D. Vance are "just plain weird," he calls Walz a "whack job" at an event where he is supposed to be focusing on the economy. It's the equivalent of a child stomping his feet and yelling, "no, you"!

He then assures the audience, "we're extremely normal people." When you have to tell people you're extremely normal, you've already lost. Finally, he begins referring to himself in the third person: "Everyone was better off when you had a gentleman named President Donald J. Trump at the helm." There is muted applause, as even his cultists wonder what the hell is happening.

He's losing it, folks, and it's being noticed.