## Fauci reveals if he thinks Biden, 81, should drop out of the presidential race after disastrous debate with Trump as he shares intriguing conversation with the ailing leader

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- Fauci, who has served every president since Ronald Reagan, was asked his take

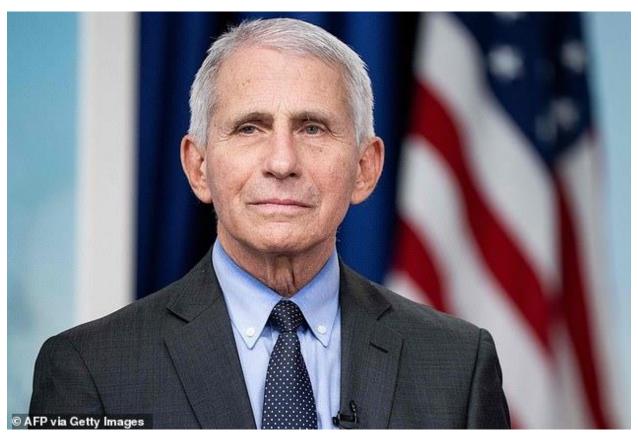
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Fauci, who has served every president dating back to Ronald Reagan and became a polarizing figure during the <a href="COVID-19">COVID-19</a> pandemic, appeared this week to promote his new memoir.

While there, the former head of director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) from 1984 to 2022 was asked whether the 81-year-old president should end his campaign or even resign from office.



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my personal experience has been quite positive with him." <a href="https://t.co/CiK1mQnQnr">https://t.co/CiK1mQnQnr</a> pic.twitter.com/xKWLHCsedv

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'You know, I think it's just an individual choice, and you really can't generalize,' Fauci told ABC News.



He feels that voters should focus on things that are important to them rather than make a broad generalization on fitness for office.

'You know, what their passion is, what their energy is,' Fauci said. 'Those are the kind of things.'

Ultimately, he said he wouldn't speak on anything that 'would have political implications.'

Fauci refused to give a definitive take, instead choosing to speak about his experiences with Biden and gave a sunnier vision of the president that was seen Thursday.

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A poll released Sunday reveals 72 percent of voters don't think Biden has the cognitive faculties for another term in office. This is a seven percent increase from the same poll taken earlier in June before the debate.

Former White House physician Rep. Ronny Jackson (R-Texas) has repeatedly <u>brought Biden's cognitive and physical health into question</u>.



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He suggested that debate prep for seven days at Camp David was a way to get the drug cocktail just right before the showdown with Trump.



Doubts increased from before the debate to after the debate over Biden's mental acuity and cognitive health.

Biden stumbled his way through the debate with Trump on Thursday, often speaking lowly, mumbling or losing his train of thought. When Trump was speaking, the split screen showed the President with his mouth ajar and a blank stare.

The outcome resulted in a chorus of calls for Biden to end his candidacy – even from some of his biggest supporters.

On the other hand, Trump's debate performance has only increased his party's support.

Fifty percent of registered voters think the 78-year-old has the cognitive faculties to run for a second term in 2024 – only 27 percent <u>feel the same about Biden.</u>

It's unclear what will happen next, but Biden is spending his Sunday at Camp David where he is discussing the future of this race with his family.

Some are blaming First Lady Jill Biden for forcing her husband to continue campaigning for reelection, and Republican Rep. Harriet Hageman (R-Wy.) accused the first lady of 'elder abuse.'