

Dys Glitch

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After some technical glitches in livestreaming Florida Governor Ron DeSantis's announcement of his presidential run, the snide tweets poured in.

"This link works,' Biden <u>posted</u> on his Twitter account," *The Epoch Times* <u>attempted to regale</u> us, "sharing a link to a donation page for his campaign as the DeSantis team and Twitter owner Elon Musk struggled to resolve the glitches plaguing their scheduled Twitter Spaces interview."

But the worst was also from The Biden — nobody believes that Joe himself is in charge of his own Twitter account — in which a few "positions" of DeSantis received mockery, leading popular YouTuber/Rumblist Viva Frei to respond with "Is this really the best you could piece together? You couldn't fragment the sentences more if you tried. Pathetic."

And that's really where we're at. Newscasters and the Twitterati made much of the Twitter Space glitch, but not even Donald Trump, Jr., with his hashtag "#DeSaster," did much more than weakly echo his father's heyday on Twitter.

This is not 2016.

Everybody seems tired.

There are a number of challengers, already, in the running to oust feeble Joe Biden. Donald Trump himself, of course, and now Ron DeSantis, whom we are told runs a distant second to the former president. Neither man seems likely to reach beyond the conservative half of the electorate. Only Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., a Democrat, offers much "newness," and he's afflicted by a hard-to-listen-to cracked voice: <code>spasmodic dysphonia</code>, "a specific form of an involuntary movement disorder called dystonia that affects only the voice box."

Metaphor for the race so far? There's a lot of "dys" in the tone of our times, but it's just not very profound. If the future weren't at stake, one wouldn't even bring it up.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.