



# Sleepy's New Clothes

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"I was shocked to see his condition," CNN commentator Van Jones [tells](#) Jake Tapper on *State of the Union*. Mr. Jones is talking about when former (but then-) President Joe Biden stepped up to debate his challenger, current (but then former-) President Donald Trump.

"And so was the world," he continues. "And that wasn't the first time [Biden] was in that condition; the book makes it very, very clear."

The book noted above being *Original Sin: President Biden's Decline, Its Cover-Up, and His Disastrous Decision to Run Again*, written by host Jake Tapper and Alex Thompson, a national political correspondent for Axios.

"There are people who knew and said nothing and that is a crime against this Republic," argues Jones, "and I think the Democrats are gonna pay for a long time for being a part of what is now being

revealed to be a massive cover up."

"It was obvious to the American people before the debate," former Obama strategist David Axelrod offers. Obvious to politicians, too, but not "politically wise to speak out."

"[T]his is The Emperor's New Clothes playing itself out in real time," Jones elaborates. "Everybody knew but everyone was afraid to say."

Later in the program, still pitching his book, Tapper blames a "small, secretive group of advisors" as the culprits, clarifying that "the original sin of the 2024 election" was "President Biden's decision to run for reelection, even though he would be theoretically 86 years old at the end of his second term and was showing every day of it."

One can only wonder how Mr. Tapper and so many other journalists missed in real time what a president of these United States was "showing."

Democrats remain focused on the disaster of losing the election, but the real disgrace? After the June 27, 2024, debate non-performance, they and their fawning media allowed a person clearly not up to the job to remain in this most incredibly powerful position for *another seven months*.

Silly me, I'm focused on the presidency and the job he's supposed to do for Americans. Not just wielding political power.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.