



## **Embarrassment, Humiliation, and Bullets**

## News:

Amid Doubts About Biden's Mental Sharpness, Trump Leads Presidential Race. Roughly 6 in 10 voters describe both Biden and Trump as 'embarrassing' (pewresearch.org)

## Comment:

The political landscape of American democracy is increasingly tumultuous with recent events underscoring the deep disarray. A new poll from the Pew Research Center reveals a widespread sentiment revealing both President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump are seen as equally embarrassing by the American public. According to the survey, 63 percent of respondents found both candidates cringeworthy with significant numbers of supporters from both sides feeling the same way about their own candidate. Thirty-seven percent of Biden supporters and 33 percent of Trump supporters admitted feeling embarrassed by the candidate they backed, especially following a disastrous debate performance that has intensified concerns within the Democratic Party about Biden's mental fitness. Several Congress members have called for him to step down, reflecting a growing desperation within the party.

The consequences of Biden's recent public appearances have been particularly damaging. His performance at a NATO press conference, where he referred to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as "President Putin," was a significant blunder. Such mistakes, especially when made repeatedly, fuel doubts about his cognitive abilities. Polls show Biden trailing Trump with Trump favored by 50 percent of respondents compared to Biden's 47 percent.

Meanwhile, the idea of Trump being seen as a model of cognitive competence is itself a grim reflection of the state of American politics. Known for his own blunders and lying, Trump's ascendancy in the polls is not a testament to his abilities but rather a critique of Biden's perceived inadequacies. This situation has turned the presidential race into a joke.

Adding to the chaos, former President Trump was escorted off stage by Secret Service agents after a series of gunshots during a rally on Saturday in Butler, Pennsylvania. The attack was deemed an "assassination attempt" by the FBI. Trump confirmed that he was "shot with a bullet" that pierced his upper right ear.

These events reflect a deep embarrassment felt towards the leading political figures and the violent extremes of the current political climate. The compounded embarrassment of a deeply flawed political system and inept leadership is blatantly evident in today's America, leaving the nation in a state of perpetual political disarray.

In this environment, America is left exposed. The world watches this unfiltered reality, hoping for a future where a new leadership emerges that reflects the dignity, mercy, justice and competence the world deserves. Therefore, Muslims must distance themselves from the democratic depravity that plagues the world and dedicate themselves to exemplifying and promoting the desperately needed alternative found in Islam.

Allah (swt) says, ﴿وَقُلْ جَاءَ الْحَقُّ وَزَهَقَ الْبَاطِلُ إِنَّ الْبَاطِلُ كَانَ زَهُوقًا﴾ "And declare, "The truth has come and falsehood has vanished. Indeed, falsehood is bound to vanish." [Al-Isra 81].

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