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Joe Biden and Woodrow Wilson: Administrations Run by Their Wives

Late on the evening of Sept. 25, 1919, after speaking in Pueblo, Colorado, Edith Wilson discovered Woodrow in a profound state of illness; his facial muscles were twitching uncontrollably and he was experiencing severe nausea. Earlier in the day, he complained of a splitting headache.

Six weeks after the event, Dr. Grayson told a journalist that he had noted a “curious drag or looseness at the left side of [Wilson’s] mouth — a sign of danger that could no longer be obscured.” In retrospect, this event may have been a transient ischemic attack (TIA), the medical term for a brief loss of blood flow to the brain, or “mini-stroke,” which can be a harbinger for a much worse cerebrovascular event to follow — in other words, a full-fledged stroke.

On Sept. 26, the president’s private secretary, Joseph Tumulty, announced that the rest of the speaking tour had been canceled because the president was suffering from “a nervous reaction in his digestive organs.” The *Mayflower* sped directly back to Washington’s Union Station. Upon arrival, on Sept. 28, the president appeared ill but was able to walk on his own accord through the station. He tipped his hat to awaiting crowd, shook the hands of a few of the people along the track’s platform, and was whisked away to the White House for an enforced period of rest and examination by a battery of doctors.

Everything changed on the morning of Oct. 2, 1919. According to some accounts, the president awoke to find his left hand numb to sensation before falling into unconsciousness. In other versions, Wilson had his stroke on the way to the bathroom and fell to the floor with Edith dragging him back into bed.

From that point forward, Woodrow Wilson ceased to function as President. From that point forward, there was a secret president in charge – Edith Wilson.



Edith Wilson Directed Woodrow's Every Move from 1919 forward

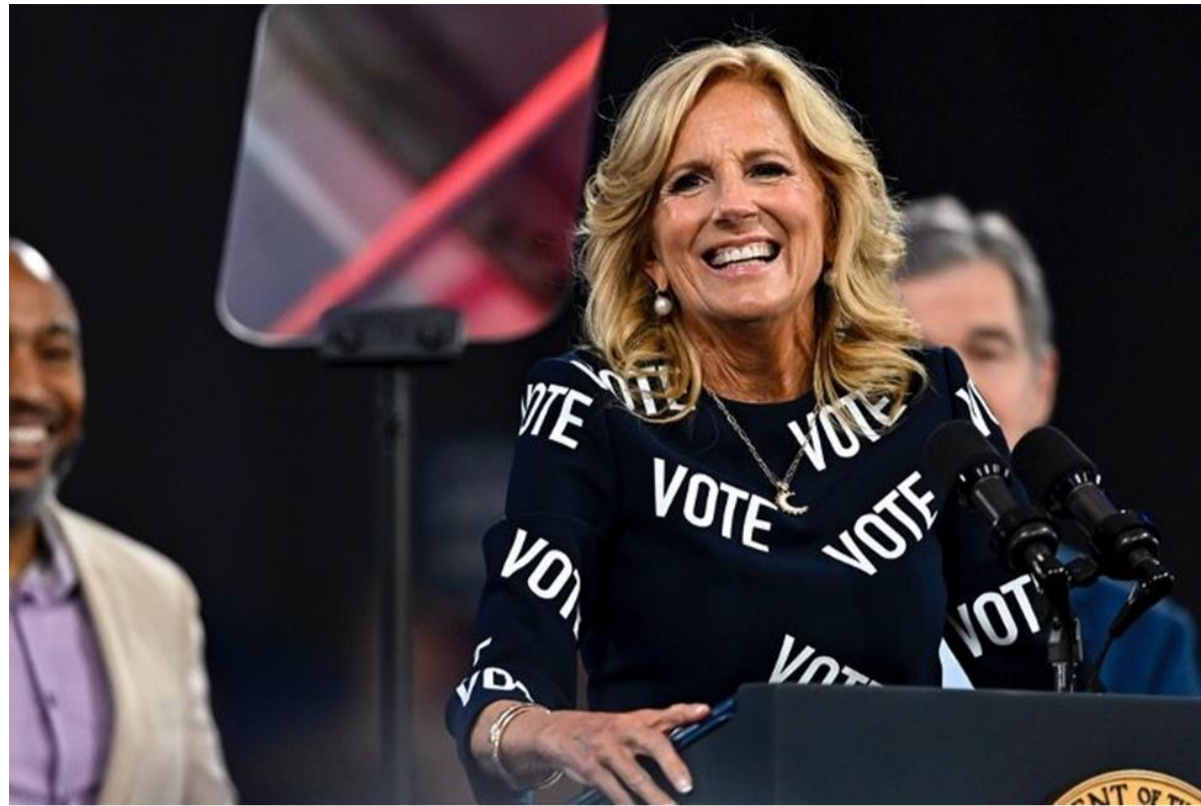
Protective of both her husband's reputation and power, Edith shielded Woodrow from everyone she could **and embarked on a bedside government that essentially excluded Wilson's staff, the Cabinet and the Congress**. During a perfunctory meeting the president held with Sen. Gilbert Hitchcock (D-Neb.) and Albert Fall (R-N.M.) on Dec. 5, he and Edith even tried to hide the extent of his paralysis by keeping his left side covered with a blanket. Sen. Fall, who was one of the president's most formidable political foes told Wilson, "I hope you will consider me sincere. I have been praying for you, Sir." Edith later recalled that Woodrow was, at least, well enough to jest, "Which way, Senator?" A great story, perhaps, but Wilson's biographer, John Milton Cooper, Jr. doubts its veracity and notes that neither Edith nor Dr. Grayson recorded such a clever rejoinder in their written memoranda from that day.

By February of 1920, news of the president's stroke began to be reported in the press. Nevertheless, the full details of Woodrow Wilson's disability, and his wife's management of his affairs, were not entirely understood by the American public at the time.

Over the last century, historians have continued to dig into the proceedings of the Wilson administration and it has become clear that Edith Wilson acted as much more than a mere "steward." She was, essentially, the nation's chief executive until her husband's second term concluded in March of 1921.

Joe Biden might think it is DeJa'Vu if he had the faculty to remember things still.

Some may want to praise Jill Biden for standing by husband Joe after his dementia-affected debate performance last week. But in reality she's standing on him, say critics — in a quest to maintain her prestige and power.



Is Jill Biden “Edith Wilson 2.0”?

And one of these critics is Mrs. Biden’s ex-husband, a man who says that Jill 2.0 is “not the same person I married or that I recognize in any way.”

Many Americans fed the lie that Joe Biden was functioning well — see [this X thread](#) (in which I participated) about a *Newsweek* writer who [insisted](#) three days before the debate that Biden’s health was “perfectly fine” — had their eyes opened last Thursday evening. Biden mumbled, fumbled, and stumbled through the debate in a clear state of [sundowning](#) confusion, even though he might’ve gotten the moderators’ questions in advance, [some claim](#) (others [deny this](#)). But Jill is undeterred.

As RedState [wrote](#) the day after the debacle:

Jill Biden cemented her place in history as the worst wife in presidential history Thursday night. Her behavior following one of the most tragic scenes in presidential debate history has all the markings of elder abuse.

Perhaps it’s time to change the term from “First Lady” to “Worst Lady.”

By now, you’ve surely either watched the debate between Joe Biden and Donald Trump, or you’ve seen a plethora of clips showing in no uncertain terms that the president is barely functioning cognitively.

And you’ve also seen media personalities on the left stopping just short of setting their hair on fire with sheer panic over the fact that the leader of the free world would barely be capable of tying his own shoes at this point. ...[Jill] is shamelessly abusing this man before America’s eyes.

Others have [accused](#) the Thirst Lady (thirsty for fame and acclaim) of being a “Lady MacBeth.” But perhaps no one is more surprised than the man who was married to her for five years. As the *New York Post* [reports](#):

“The Dr. Jill Biden who I’ve seen on TV in the last five years is not the same person I married or that I recognize in any way,” Bill Stevenson, who was married to Jill from 1970 to 1975, told The Post Saturday.

“She’s matriculated into a completely different woman.”

... “I just don’t understand why she is so adamant about defending him and keeping him in the race since it appears that he’s struggling,” Stevenson said.

... “I’ve watched Jill grow,” he added.

“I’ve been proud of her at certain moments. I have no hard feelings ... I’m just surprised to see her front and center in the middle of this battle after flying under the radar for so many years. She’s always been very driven. **People say she’s the one who wants to be president now.**”

“Stevenson, who remarried and has a family of his own, once supported Biden, when he ran as vice-president with Barack Obama and when Biden ran for the US Senate in 1972,” the *Post* continues. But no more.

Now “a staunch supporter of former President Trump,” Fox News [informs](#), Stevenson “also accused the sitting president of lying habitually.”

“It makes me cringe every time he calls Trump a liar because I’m telling you right now, there is no better liar than President Biden,” Stevenson said.”

“He’s just a bad person,” Fox continues. “I’m probably one of the few people outside his family who has known him for 50 years.”

Biden’s lies are [well documented](#). In fact, he’s very much like an older, [more experienced version of George Santos](#), the ex-GOP congressman expelled from Congress for being what Joe has been for more than half a century: a self-aggrandizing prevaricator.

Yet Biden’s “bad person” status merely makes him a perfect match for Jill, critics may aver. For example, just consider her behavior at the post-debate after-party; it drew accusations that the Thirst Lady was “infantilizing” Joe.



Jill Takes Over for Joe to Breathe Life Into a Dying Campaign

Critics [also noted](#) that Jill was treating her husband like a toddler. As commentator Olivia Murray [put it](#), Jill's praise is "exactly how I spoke to my boys in toddlerhood, and sometimes still do, when I wanted, or want to encourage them, whether or not what they've 'accomplished' is actually impressive."

The federal government was far smaller and the world far bigger in 1920 and, whatever Mrs. Wilson's motivations, Jill is a prestige (and perhaps power?) seeker. Why, she reportedly wanted her Ed.D. (no she doesn't have a Ph.D.) — acquired with [a dissertation as bad](#) as Joe's debate performance — because she desired a "doctor" title before her name. **She insists on being called doctor, too.**

And now her husband's and country's well-being are being subordinated to her disordered desires. Just as someone could be a sex object, Jill uses Joe as a success object, as she effects her little [Weekend at Bernie's](#) scheme. So perhaps we could say:

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powerful to close our eyes
and wait for the worst to
pass, but history tells that
for freedom to survive, it
must be defended, and
that if lies are to stop,
they must be exposed.

