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## Biden's Campaign Focuses More on Correcting Mistakes Than Promoting Results

### Mistakes or Health Concerns?

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**USPA NEWS** - As President Joe Biden ramps up his re-election campaign, a significant shift in focus has become evident: the campaign seems to be dedicating more effort to addressing his mistakes and health concerns than promoting his achievements and vision for the future.

Amid persistent rumors regarding his age and mental abilities, Biden, now 81, has been frequently beset by gaffes during public appearances. The White House press conferences have often centered around clarifying his statements and providing updates on his health rather than discussing policy advancements for the nation's future.

On his only debate against Donald Trump, many political analysts noted that Biden's message was overshadowed by his performance. His opponent and even some supporters expressed concern that his frequent missteps might hinder his ability to effectively perform the job.

A survey by the Associated Press NORC Center for Public Affairs, highlights a growing dissatisfaction within his own party. Two-thirds of Democrats surveyed expressed a desire for a new candidate to lead the party into the 2024 election. Recent reporting shows that top Democrats are urging President Joe Biden to reconsider his re-election campaign. Former President Barack Obama has shared his concerns with close associates, and former Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, has privately warned Biden that the party risks losing its chance to regain control of the House if he remains in the 2024 race.

During a recent interview with CNBC, Abigail Disney, granddaughter of Roy O. Disney, co-founder of The Walt Disney Co., announced her decision to withhold donations to the Democratic Party until Biden withdraws from the race. This sentiment was echoed by other influential donors and public figures, highlighting a growing discontent within the party.

George Clooney, a prominent Democratic fundraiser, recently published a scathing opinion piece urging Biden to step aside as the party's candidate. Similarly, novelist and screenwriter Ayelet Waldman has ceased her donations to liberal candidates across the board in protest. Michael Moritz, a billionaire Silicon Valley venture capitalist and major Democratic donor, has also joined the chorus, calling for Biden to drop out of the race against former President Donald Trump. This wave of high-profile defections underscores the mounting concerns about Biden's age and mental acuity, which have been exacerbated by his frequent gaffes and recent health issues, including a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

Recent polls reflect a troubling outlook for the incumbent president. According to a Reuters/Ipsos survey, 57% of Americans disapprove of Biden's performance. U.S. voters see Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump as the better candidate for the economy but prefer Biden's approach to preserving democracy.

Adding to the campaign's challenges, Biden recently tested positive for COVID-19, raising further questions about his health. This development has led to increased scrutiny of his ability to endure the rigors of a presidential campaign and another term in office.

As President Joe Biden remains steadfast in his decision to continue his re-election bid, concerns are mounting within the Democratic Party about the potential costs of his stubbornness. Party insiders fear that Biden's refusal to step aside could lead to a fractured base, diminished voter enthusiasm, and a significant loss of crucial campaign funding.

Additionally, the focus on damage control rather than proactive campaigning may weaken the party's overall position in the upcoming election. If these issues are not addressed, Biden's determination to stay in the race could have lasting consequences, potentially jeopardizing the Democratic Party's chances of retaining the White House and impacting down-ballot races nationwide.

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