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The Search for New Candidates?

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It was President Joe Biden's idea to participate in the June 27 televised debate with former President Donald Trump. Biden agreed to the timing, format and all the conditions imposed by the sponsor, CNN. Did Biden, perhaps in a lucid moment, decide to do this as a first step to stepping down?

In the first few minutes of the debate Biden's facial expression pointedly

conveyed his mental and physical state. He appeared vacuous, slack-jawed, and absolutely frightening. Frightening!

When he spoke what he said and the way he said it demonstrated to the world at large that he is unfit for public office. Clearly Biden is a threat – not a leader – to the United States and the free world. Our allies must be fearful and our enemies gloating. This was the true Biden, standing for an hour and a half, without note cards or a teleprompter.

Biden's TV staging was just another pitiful performance following his participation at the recent G-7 meeting in Italy where he kept Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni waiting endlessly for key meetings and snubbed President Sergio Mattarella's formal dinner invitation because he needed to rest before going to California to raise campaign money.

Former President Donald Trump, four years younger than Biden, was vigorous and, given his personality, incredibly disciplined especially when faced with Biden's more insulting remarks.

In one of his comments Trump said he was running for president again to get rid of Joe Biden. Otherwise, he said he would be enjoying life at one of his many beautiful real estate properties and playing golf.

Given Trump's remarks and Biden's agreement to participate in a debate which has threatened his electoral campaign, might Americans be facing a different set of Republican and Democratic candidates on election day? If Biden steps down will Trump follow? There is now some possibility of having two younger politicians competing for votes on November 5th.

If the United Kingdom and France can have electoral campaigns of only a couple of weeks, why not the United States with a fresh set of candidates? Indeed, American electoral campaigns have not only gotten longer and tedious but have become a multi-million-dollar business. For example, a few weeks ago, former New York City Mayor and billionaire businessman Michael Bloomberg – who was born the same year as Biden – donated \$20 million to Biden's campaign.

Post debate numerous Democrats have urged Joe Biden to step aside. But political power is seemingly addictive, not only for Biden but for First Lady Jill Biden. She embodies "cherchez la femme" in this case.

Not only is Biden controlled by his wife, but in presidential affairs he has become a

puppet of the left. It is obvious that Biden has been and is being manipulated by countless advisers in his administration who are increasingly successful in pursuing a series of deleterious policies that are undermining the very foundations of the United States. Chief among them are limitless abortion, an open southern border that has allowed millions of illegal migrants from the world over to invade the country, and spending ceaselessly on socialistic policies that have increased the country's indebtedness to over 100% of GDP. Despite his infirmities, Biden is the best senescent reader from a teleprompter. But this is not leadership.

Next on the electoral calendar are the party conventions that formally nominate party candidates. Republicans will meet in Milwaukee, July 15-18, and the Democrats in Chicago, August 19-22. A second presidential debate is scheduled for September 10th. Might there be two fresh candidates debating with one another in two months?