

Biden under pressure to step aside

U.S. President Joe Biden, 81, is facing growing calls to withdraw from his re-election bid in the wake of his disastrous debate performance against Donald Trump in June



■ **George Clooney**
Hollywood star and lifelong Democrat who helped raise \$30m for Biden in June, has withdrawn his support in opinion piece in New York Times

"We can put our heads in the sand and pray for a miracle in November, or we can speak the truth"

■ **Nancy Pelosi**

Former House Speaker says Biden must decide quickly, but has declined to give him her full endorsement



■ **Chuck Schumer**

Senate Majority Leader says *"I'm with Joe"* but is reportedly privately telling donors he is open to replacing Biden



"We're all encouraging him to make that decision because time is running short"

■ **Peter Welch (right)**

Member of Congress from Vermont, becomes first Democratic senator to publicly call on Biden to go ***"for the good of the country"***



■ Several other Democratic lawmakers are calling outright for Biden to withdraw, including House members **Pat Ryan** of New York and **Earl Blumenauer** from Oregon

■ **Michael Bennet**: Senator from Colorado warns that Trump could win in ***"landslide"***

■ **Richard Blumenthal**: Senator of Connecticut says he is ***"deeply concerned"*** about Biden's ability to win race

■ **Hollywood**: Key figures calling for Biden to exit race include Netflix chairman **Reed Hastings** (right), superagent **Ari Emanuel**, heiress **Abigail Disney**, screenwriter **Damon Lindelof** and author **Stephen King**

