

# [***'Politics Played No Part': Robert Hur Fires Back At Adam Schiff Over Accusation Of Creating 'Political Firestorm'***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BJ4-Y5W1-JBFB-H2XM-00000-00&context=1516831)

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Former special counsel Robert Hur fired back Tuesday after Democratic Rep. Adam Schiff of California accused him of deliberately causing a “political firestorm” with his characterization of President Joe Biden's mental state.

Hur's [*report*](https://www.justice.gov/storage/report-from-special-counsel-robert-k-hur-february-2024.pdf) concluded that Biden “willfully retained and disclosed classified materials” after he was vice president. During questioning, Schiff attacked Hur for using “pejorative references” to Biden in his , including the [*description*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/08/biden-elderly-man-with-poor-memory-special-counsel/) of the president as a “sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory.” [***(RELATED: Disgraced FBI Official Says There Are 'Nauseating Similarities' Between Biden's Classified Docs And Hillary's Emails)***](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/09/disgraced-fbi-official-says-there-nauseating-similarities-between-biden-classified-docs-hillary-emails/)

“***Politics*** played no part whatsoever in my investigative steps,” Hur responded.

Hur [*testified*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/12/what-does-somebody-have-to-do-matt-gaetz-grills-robert-hur-for-not-charging-biden-and-ghostwriter/) before the House Judiciary Committee during a Tuesday [*hearing*](https://judiciary.house.gov/committee-activity/hearings/hearing-report-special-counsel-robert-k-hur) titled “Hearing on the Report of Special Counsel Robert Hur.”

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“You understood, nevertheless, Mr. Hur. You cannot tell me you're so naive as to think your words would not have created a political firestorm,” Schiff said. “You understood that, didn't you, when you wrote those words, when you decided to include those words, when you decided to go beyond specific references to documents. You understood how they would be manipulated by my colleagues here on the GOP side of the aisle, by President Trump.”

“What I understood is the regulations that govern my conduct as special counsel,” Hur said.

The Department of Justice [*discovered*](https://dailycaller.com/2023/01/21/doj-discovers-six-more-biden-classified-documents/) classified documents during a search of President Joe Biden's Wilmington, Delaware, home in January 2023. Attorneys for President Biden previously discovered classified materials in an [*office*](https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/10/politics/classified-documents-joe-biden/index.html) Biden used at the Penn Biden Center and in the [*garage*](https://dailycaller.com/2023/01/12/classified-documents-bidens-garage-corvette-richard-sauber-doj/) and other areas of Biden's [*home*](https://dailycaller.com/2023/01/14/fourth-set-classified-documents-found-bidens-delaware-home/) in Wilmington.

Questions about Biden's age and mental fitness have cropped up in recent months, with 56.9% of respondents to an Emerson College [*poll*](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Gpw9Nauk__DTlqNYtgZ7fTBrm_7q73t4KPZBFVlMzvE/edit?pli=1#gid=0) saying Biden's age raises “serious doubts” about his ability to handle the presidency.

The transcript of Hur's [*two-day*](https://www.washingtonpost.com/documents/bc7aadda-757b-4b92-b17a-77a77a907674.pdf) [*interview*](https://washingtonpost.com/documents/980a339b-a7ed-4672-8e4c-228237210369.pdf) with Biden revealed the president struggled to remember the day his son Beau died, when former President Donald Trump was elected and also thought the year was 2017.

Biden [*claimed*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/08/joe-biden-says-spoke-with-another-dead-european-leader/) Feb. 8 to have spoken with former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl about the Jan. 6, 2021 riot at the Capitol, even though Kohl died in 2017, three days after he [*claimed*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/02/06/biden-confuses-french-president-with-former-leader-who-died-in-1996/) to have spoken with former French President Francois Mitterrand, who passed away in 1996.

In September 2022, Biden [*asked*](https://dailycaller.com/2022/09/28/joe-biden-calls-jackie-walorski-stand-up-forgetting-she-died-months-ago/) for Republican Rep. Jackie Walorski of Indiana, who was [*killed*](https://dailycaller.com/2022/08/03/jackie-walorski-killed-car-crash-indiana/) along with two staffers in an August 2022 motor vehicle accident, during a conference on hunger. Biden has suffered multiple falls during his term in office, including [*one*](https://dailycaller.com/2023/06/01/biden-falls-air-force-ceremony/) at the Air Force Academy in June, [*falling down*](https://dailycaller.com/2022/06/18/biden-falls-bike-delaware/) while on his bike in June 2022 and [*stumbling*](https://dailycaller.com/2021/03/19/joe-biden-stumbles-falls-going-up-stairs-boarding-air-force-one/) on the [*steps*](https://nypost.com/2023/05/19/biden-looks-confused-almost-falls-down-stairs-in-japan/) of Air Force One on multiple occasions.

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Robert Hur and Adam Schiff

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