

## A Hillary/Obama Ticket to Challenge Trump?

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Despite polls showing Biden favored to defeat Trump, the notion surfaced of resurrecting two-time loser Hillary with Obama as her VP running mate to replace the presumptive Dem nominee.

He's challenged by years of disturbing political baggage as US senator and vice president, along with resurfaced accusations of sexual groping, assault, and nude swimming in full view of female secret service agents assigned to protect him,

Throughout his political career spanning a near-half century, Biden has been on the wrong side of virtually everything just societies hold dear.

He's partly protected because the same thing applies to Trump, both figures unfit for any public office, clearly not the highest.

Could a Hillary/Obama ticket emerge in lieu of politically challenged Biden when Dem party delegates choose who'll run against Trump in November?

According to The Hill, Biden's nomination as Dem standard bearer is "far from official," adding:

Some Dems "fear that (his) political survival is getting more problematic with each passing day."

"They cite three main issues. The first is their concern that an allegation of sexual assault leveled against Biden by former staffer Tara Reade won't go away anytime soon. If anything, it appears to be about to gain a new life."

Another concern is son Hunter's dubious business dealings.

There's also the question of age and Biden's "cognitive issues," the same thing raised about Trump.

The Hill speculated whether Biden might be urged by party bosses to voluntarily pull out of the race.

If happens, a new Dem standard bearer will be chosen — by delegates during the party's convention or the DNC if he drops out after it's held.

Might a Dem governor like New York's Andrew Cuomo replace him? Or will Hillary resurface as third-time nominee?

If the latter occurs, could Obama be her running mate? Under the 12th Amendment, no one "ineligible to the office of president shall be eligible to that of vice president of the United States."

The 22nd Amendment states that "no person shall be elected to the office of the president more than twice."

According to Law Professor Jonathan Turley, Obama can't legally be part of a Dem ticket with Hillary, saying:

"There is no constitutional foundation (for) Obama's return," citing the 12th Amendment that leaves no ambiguity, adding:

Obama "is constitutionally ineligible to be president so he is constitutionally ineligible to be vice president."

The 22nd Amendment also makes him ineligible because the VP is first in line to succeed the president if the office becomes vacant for any reason.

In Turley's view, notions otherwise are pure "fantasy (or) junk food...media analysis" that wouldn't hold up under legal scrutiny.

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