

when people vote to choose someone

stop doing something before your finish

US elections 2024: Biden drops out of presidential race amid pressure

adj. for president

while something else happens

try to make someone do something



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pres. perf. (happened before now, can see result now)

to decide you will not now be in a race / competition, etc.

United States President Joe Biden **has** **withdrawn** his re-election **bid**, **thrusting** this year's **high-wire** race for the White House into **uncertain** **territory**.

an attempt to achieve something

risky

push something suddenly with force

/terror-tree/

not knowing

a subject you know about or have experience in

If I were building a house, I'd be in uncertain territory. But when I teach English, I'm in familiar territory.

The announcement by the oldest sitting president came **amid** **mounting** **pressure** from

slowly increasing

One of the two main parties

the part of the US government that makes laws

Democrats, with over 30 **Congress** members pushing for his exit.

to demand something repeatedly

In a post on X, Biden, 81, said he will **serve** as president until **January** 2025 and will **address** the **nation** this week.

work

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speak to

country

“It has been the greatest **honor** of my life to serve as your President. While I **intended** to **seek** **reelection**, I believe it is best for my party and the country to **stand down** and **focus** on **fulfilling** my **duties**,” Biden wrote.

had a plan

again

try to get

give attention

doing what was promised

the things you have to do/
feel is right to do

first

official writing or speech

publicly give your support

His **initial** **statement** did not **endorse** Vice President **Kamala** Harris, but he **expressed** support minutes later.

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showed

hypothetical future

Harris, 59, **would be** the first Black woman to run at the top of a **major** party ticket.

more important (than smaller parties)

Biden’s move leaves his **replacement** with less than four months to **wage** a **campaign**.

someone who does a job instead of someone else

fight or organise activities to achieve something