

Giuliani Fuels Clinton Health Rumors Again ... and Again

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Former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani on Monday continued to insist that Hillary Clinton's physical and mental health is failing but again offered no evidence beyond [unsubstantiated or debunked theories](#) circulating on the Internet.

Over the weekend, Giuliani, who is a close adviser to GOP nominee Donald Trump, urged people to look for videos on the Internet that support such theories. "Go online and put down 'Hillary Clinton illness,' take a look at the videos for yourself," Giuliani urged on ["Fox News Sunday."](#)

Clinton's campaign later shot back on [Twitter](#), suggesting people "Google Rudy" to read about why he withdrew from the 2000 Senate race, which was directly linked to his health.

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But Giuliani doubled down on Monday morning on Fox News, saying that Clinton is "tired" and recently "looked sick."

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The attack on Clinton's health has come back into focus in recent weeks, with conservative media outlets fueling speculation by offering up old photos and [debunked reports](#), such as Clinton [faking medical records](#) or false accusations that she has a [defibrillator](#).

Fox News' [Sean Hannity](#), [Dr. Drew](#) and pharma executive Martin Shkreli are among those who have intensified the conspiracies. A YouTube video made by an InfoWars writer earlier this month—which now has over 3 million views—claims Clinton has a [plethora of diseases](#), including autism and a brain tumor.

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Trump himself has ventured into the topic, saying in the midst of a foreign policy speech last week that Clinton "lacks the mental and physical stamina to take on ISIS." Trump campaign spokesperson Katrina Pierson took it upon herself to diagnose Clinton with "[dysphasia](#)," a brain impairment. And the candidate has alluded to Clinton's failing health on the campaign trail, saying that she'll often "disappear" after giving a speech, presuming she "goes home and goes to sleep."

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Asked to explain the attacks on Clinton's health, Trump campaign manger Kellyanne Conway [said](#) "I'm not a doctor" in a recent MSNBC interview with Chris Matthews.

After initially ignoring the attacks, the Clinton campaign last week responded to the speculation, resurfacing a medical note from Clinton's physician from last summer, which concluded that she was healthy.

The same doctor, Lisa Bardack, responded to the rumors and [doctored medical records](#), decrying the documents as false.

"To reiterate what I said in my previous statement, Secretary Clinton is in excellent health and fit to serve as President of the United States," Bardack said.

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The campaign in statement attacked Trump for pushing "deranged conspiracy theories" during his foreign policy speech, in a "desperate attempt t change the subject—this time with absurd and debunked claims about Hillary Clinton's health."

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