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Who's Worse, Robert Hur or *The New York Times*?¹ Michael K. Cantwell

There's no doubt that Robert Hur's gratuitous and false swipes at President Biden's memory was the work of a toad, or that *The New York Times* probably did more damage to Biden's reelection than the entire rightwing disinformation network by obsessively and meretriciously covering what should have been dismissed as the work of a hack.

The Times published no less than ten stories in the three days after Hur announced the conclusion of his investigation of Biden:

"My Memory Is Fine," a Defiant Biden Declares After Special Counsel Report, February 8 Biden Lashes Out at Special Counsel for Raising Beau's Death, February 8 Eight Words and a Verbal Slip Put Biden's Age Back at the Center of 2024, February 9 As Her Husband Faces Tumult, Jill Biden Is a Protective Force, February 9 White House Calls Special Counsel Report on Biden Politically Motivated, February 9 Other 80-Somethings Have Thoughts About Age and the Presidency, February 10 Inside Biden's Protective White House, February 10 How Old Is Too Old to Be President? An Uncomfortable Question Arises Again, February 10 Why the Age Issue Is Hurting Biden So Much More Than Trump, February 10 Other 80-Somethings Have Thoughts About Age and the Presidency, February 10

I couldn't help but feel that *The Times*'s management was pleased that Hur's comments about Biden's significant memory problems validated a story that they'd been pushing for months, namely, that Biden should step aside. And when Hur testified before Congress, another avalanche of stories followed.

But the title was a trick question. If you answered "Merrick Garland," you get extra credit. He's the one who chose a Trump appointee to investigate how a handful of classified documents ended up in Joe Biden's garage, documents whose existence the president immediately disclosed and returned. And not just any Trump appointee but a hack who cut his teeth prosecuting Democrats.

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