

Political Firestorm Erupts As GOP Declares Biden's Autopen Pardons Invalid

Former President Joe Biden's autopen drama is far from being over.

In an Oct. 28, 2025, report by the GOP House Oversight Committee, led by Chairman James Comer, it was found that "The Biden Autopen Presidency ranks among the greatest scandals in U.S. history."

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The report further stated:

As President Biden declined, his staff abused the autopen and a lax chain-of-command policy to effect executive actions that lack any documentation of whether they were in fact Committee has found that there was, in fact, a cover-up of the president's cognitive decline and that there is no record demonstrating President Biden himself made all of the executive decisions that were attributed to him.

The House Oversight Committee also called for Biden's doctor, Kevin O'Connor, to be reviewed by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine for his service to the former president while he was in office.

Dr. O'Connor—who had business dealings with and financial connections to President Biden's family—is not the only participant in this scheme with an incentive to cover up the truth.

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Ultimately, the Oversight Committee is asking the Department of Justice to “investigate all of former President Biden’s executive actions,” which especially includes the pardons that he made. If it is found that these pardons were not made by Biden himself, “courts can hold pardons void...” as the report details.

Some of these pardons would directly affect Biden’s family, including his son, Hunter. Other family members pardoned by Joe Biden, as recorded by the Office of the Pardon Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, include Francis Biden, James Biden, Sara Jones Biden, Valerie Biden Owens and John T. Owens.

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Notable names like Anthony Fauci and Mark Milley, along with a blanket pardon for members of Congress who served on the Jan. 6 Select Committee, are among the last pardons issued under the Biden administration. Many of the pardons that Biden made were related to the possession and distribution of cocaine and methamphetamine.

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Trump Trolls Biden With Autopen on Presidential Walk of Fame

The White House released a video Wednesday featuring the new Presidential Walk of Fame in the West Wing Colonnade.

The display, which is right outside the Oval Office, features portraits of what appear to be all 45 people who have served as president, going back to George Washington.

However, in the place where former President Joe Biden's picture would be is an image of an autopen.

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– *The White House (@WhiteHouse) September 24, 2025*

White House aide Margo Martin posted a video of the display, including the autopen picture.

The Presidential Walk of Fame has arrived on the West Wing Colonnade

Wait for it... □□□

– *Margo Martin (@MargoMartin47) September 24, 2025*

There has been an ongoing controversy since the spring regarding allegations that Biden White House officials used the autopen to sign directives on his behalf.

For example, Biden granted more acts of clemency than any other president in U.S. history, according to the Pew Research Center. During just one term, he gave a total of 4,245, which included 4,165 commutations of sentences and 80 pardons.

At a media briefing in early June, Fox News White House correspondent Peter Doocy held up the example of four pardons allegedly given by Biden.

“Most of the big ones have the same very neat signatures. We would expect that probably to be the autopen,” he noted. “There is one that looks different. It looks authentic. In fact, if you look at the last name, it almost looks like the president was having a hard time spelling his last name there.”

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Doocy pointed out that the one pardon signature that looks different was indeed for Biden’s son, Hunter Biden, which the then-president issued in December 2024.

“Is this White House of the opinion that the only pardon that would count is one that the president signed himself for Hunter Biden?” the reporter asked White House press secretary Karoline Leavitt.

“The president is making a good point when he discusses the usage of the autopen. Who was running the country for the past

four years?" Leavitt responded.

The New York Times reported in July that the DOJ is reviewing tens of thousands of Biden White House emails having to do with clemency actions, and the outlet had obtained some of them.

The Times said that Biden did not personally approve all of the pardons or commutations that he granted, but established categories of people who could receive clemency, and his staff then carried out the decree. "I made every decision," Biden told the Times during a phone interview.

Axios reported earlier this month that internal emails obtained by the outlet showed high-ranking Biden officials were concerned by the frequent use of the autopen late in his term.

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Trump spoke about the autopen controversy last week, arguing, "Joe Biden wasn't giving those orders," adding, "He didn't believe in open borders and all of this nonsense that they're peddling now, which is why they're not in office any longer."

The president seemed to be suggesting that Biden's staff disseminated many policies in his name.

"The autopen was illegal. It was illegally used," Trump asserted. "He never gave the orders. He never told them what to do."

"And I guess the only one he signed – or one of the few he signed – was the pardon for his son."

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