Trump's Erratic Behavior and Extreme Comments Revive Mental Health Debate

As the president threatens to wipe out Iran and attacks the press, even former allies and advisers are questioning whether he has grown increasingly unhinged, describing him as "unstable" and "clearly insane."

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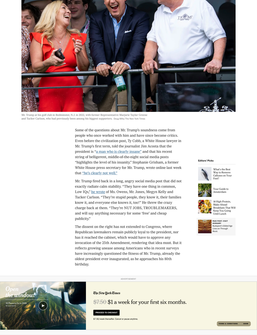
President Trump's erratic behavior and extreme comments in recent days and weeks have prompted some of his former allies and past critics to debate that has followed him on the national stage for more than a decade.

A series of disjointed, hard-to-follow and sometimes-profane statements capped by his "a whole civilization will die tonight" threat to wipe Iran off the map last week and his broad attack on the "NEAR no Crime, and terrible for Freedom Policy" of the Supreme Court, have reignited questions about the mental stability of the president.

The White House rejected such assessments, saying that Mr. Trump is sharp and keeping his opponents on edge. But the president's suspicions have caused questions about America's nuclear arsenal, and his attacks on the judicial and legislative branches, where majority votes under question before, once normally the arrangements brought it Biden. As he said deteriorated before the public's eyes, never in modern times has the stability of a president been so publicly and forensically debated — and with such profound consequences.

Democrats who have long challenged Mr. Trump's psychological fitness for office have renewed their calls for the 25th Amendment to remove the president from power for disability. But it is not just a concern voiced by partisans on the left, late-night comics or second-hand professionals making long-distance diagnoses. It can be heard now among storied generals, diplomats and longtime allies. Mr. Trump's behavior has left them to wrap up the political right, among mention allies of the president.



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Former Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene, the Georgia Republican who has broken from MAGA, Mr. Trump, who said long ago that he would "shoot someone" on Fifth Avenue without losing a vote, has a Mr. Trump's behavior was "not simply bizarre, it's insane." Caroline Owens, the far-right podcaster, called him "a psychotical lunatic." Mr. Vance, the conservative Senator and Vice President, said Mr. Trump "does bullies and mounts the Vance's and mounts the Vance's and mounts the Vance's

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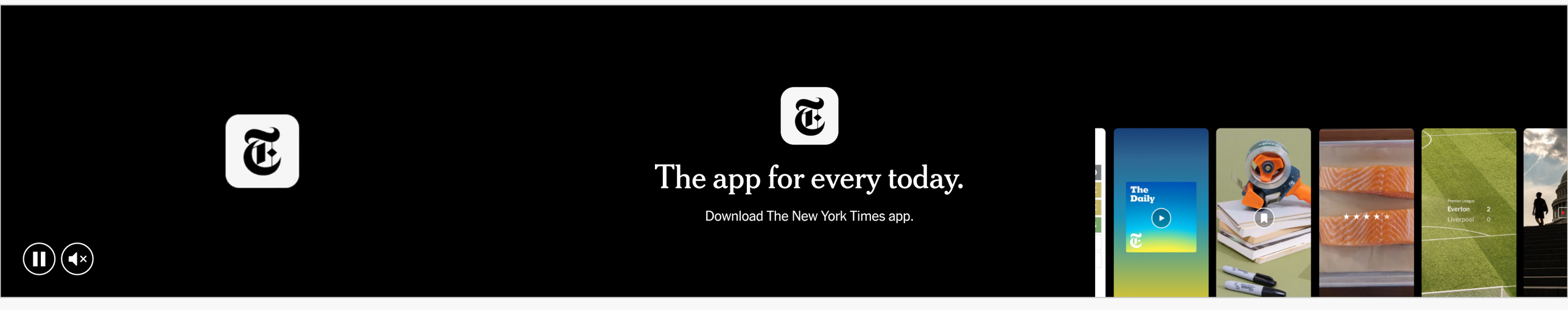
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