

Jen Psaki keeps lying for Joe Biden on Afghanistan

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The truth doesn't mind being questioned, but a lie doesn't like to be challenged: White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki offered a fine example of that observation Wednesday by refusing to discuss that damning [July 23 phone call](#) — leaked audio of which shows President Joe Biden knew well in advance that Afghanistan's army was falling before the Taliban [and that the situation was dire](#).

“The perception around the world and in parts of Afghanistan, I believe, is that things aren't going well in terms of the [fight against the Taliban](#),” he told Afghan President Ashraf Ghani. “And there's a need, whether it is true or not, there is a need to project a different picture.”

Truth be damned! Biden needed his pullout to seem safe.

Ghani, meanwhile, warned that Afghanistan faced “a full-scale invasion, composed of Taliban, full Pakistani planning and logistical support and at least 10-15,000 international terrorists.” Weeks later, on Aug. 15, the Taliban took Kabul.

Reuters got those damning lines from a leaked recording of the call; the official White House summary of it painted a far different picture of Biden simply encouraging Ghani to fight hard.

Yet Psaki baldly called the conversation “consistent” with the administration line that “no one anticipated . . . the Taliban would be able to take over the country as quickly as they did or that the Afghan national security forces would fold as quickly as they did.”

Then she refused further questions, sniffing: “I'm not going to get into private, diplomatic conversations or leaked transcripts of phone calls.”

Funny: We can't recall a single Democrat thinking it was off-limits to discuss the many leaks of President Donald Trump's various calls with foreign leaders. Heck, leaks about the 2019 one with Ukraine's president wound up central to his impeachment.

Biden had ample warning that the crisis that developed was all too possible; he only cared about “perception.” No amount of White House dodging can push that ugly truth from the public's mind.