Today's Lead: Weiner's Floundering Campaign

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In a possible sign that the renewed controversy over his habit of raunchy online behavior may be jeopardizing his bid for mayor, Anthony Weiner's campaign manager quit over the weekend. The candidate tried to downplay Danny Kedem's departure yesterday, saying, "We've gotten more volunteers and more people coming over to help the campaign in the last several days than anytime since the campaign started."

Former White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers seemed to imply yesterday that Bill and HIlary Clinton would like to see Weiner drop out of the race; she later clarified her words, saying, "All I meant to say is that I suspect that they, like many of us, would like to see the whole story go away."

New York Times columnist Maureen Dowd puzzled over the candidate's wife , Huma Abedin, standing by her "eel-like" husband. "You must remember one thing," Dowd writes, "Huma was raised in Saudi Arabia, where women are treated worse by men than anywhere else on the planet." Weiner, Dowd muses, probably seemed like a prince in comparison to the men she grew up around.

Former Obama campaign advisor and Democratic strategist David Axelrod piled on, saying that Weiner was "wasting time and space" and that he would not be the next mayor of New York City. "Americans believe in second chances, but not third chances."

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