

President Biden Builds Back Better

Accomplishments

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On January 21, 2021 Joseph Robinette Biden was sworn in as the 46th President of the United States. When Biden stepped into the oval office he was the leader of a country that was in the middle of a pandemic with an unemployment rate of 6.3 %, the supply chain was broken with inflation rising, and many of our traditional allies had begun to distrust our country. With these issues facing him, President Biden certainly faced a most difficult job. With 2 years of his presidency completed, we now will look at what he has accomplished. These accomplishments will be divided into 3 major categories: Health, Economy, and Foreign Policy.

Health

- When Biden took office the COVID-19 vaccination rate was around 5% today it is 79%. Everyone who wanted to get a vaccine was able to get one with no cost. This has helped us to regain our lives after the pandemic.
- Uninsured Americans under 65 has dropped from 14.5% to 11.8% and while that is still too high it is a considerable improvement. If we had state lawmakers that would accept federal programs to help their less prosperous citizens get affordable healthcare the number would be even lower. The unemployment rate for people of color is at a near record low.
- Veterans with health issues from being exposed to toxic burn pits, now have VA coverage for those issues.

Economy

- The American rescue plan provided economic support during the COVID pandemic.
- President Biden's policy has seen 12 Million people find jobs resulting in the unemployment rate dropping to a 50 year low of 3.4%.
- Biden's policies on inflation are beginning to work as prices have begun to stabilize.
- Medicare now has the legal authority to negotiate drug prices with drug companies, insurance companies have done this for years but Medicare was prohibited from doing so. This will bring savings in the coming years as the program is implemented.
- For years are Presidents have recognized the need for a program to deal with our aging infrastructure, but none have been able to get a bill passed. President Biden was able to work with both sides of the aisle to get a bill passed. Not only will this begin to restore, replace and upgrades so much that is needed, but it will create good paying American jobs to do this work.
- Projects that will bring more sustainable power will reduce our vulnerability to the price gouging by foreign energy companies in addition to reducing the pollution in our air.

Foreign Policy

- Biden ended the longest war in our history! It is hard to determine how many American lives have been saved by that act.
- When Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine, Biden recognized that Russia's goal was not just to take Ukraine, but to eventually reestablish the former Soviet Union. Appeasement would not stop that program and since some former Soviet states are now NATO members, we could eventually be required by treaty to send troops to defend those countries. By sending arms to Ukraine, we have enabled Ukraine to hold off their brutal attackers without needing to provide troops. He has successfully kept us out of another war.
- Under The President's Leadership, America as regained its place a leader of the free world.