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## AUGUST 2023

August 20 – It was revealed in late August that the Biden administration has been quietly selling off materials meant to be used for border wall construction. The administration has collected millions of dollars for the parts, which were purchased using taxpayer funds. The Biden administration’s behind-the-scenes actions come as they refuse to support efforts at our southern border to reduce illegal migration and stop the border crisis from continuing to escalate. Instead, they are choosing to actively undercut efforts to strengthen our border by surreptitiously selling materials so that they cannot be used in a border wall. (August 2023)

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-quietly-auctions-trump-border-wall-parts-stunt-republican-effort-restart-construction-report>

August 14 – After the Supreme Court’s June 29th decision in *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. President and Fellows of Harvard College* and *Students for Fair Admissions Inc. v. University of North Carolina et al.*, the Biden Department of Justice and Department of Education jointly released guidance to colleges and universities to help them get around the Supreme Court ruling. The administration continues to look for ways to defy the Supreme Court and ensure that the unjust system of race-based college admissions stays in place. (August 2023)

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/advance-diversity-and-opportunity-higher-education-justice-and-education-departments-release-resources-advance-diversity-and-opportunity-higher-education>

August 10 – In early August, the Biden administration granted the Islamic Republic of Iran access to over \$6 billion in frozen assets and released Iranian prisoners in exchange for five American hostages. While the safe return of unjustly held Americans is always a cause for celebration, the manner in which President Biden achieved this is cause for deep concern. Iran is taking Americans prisoner precisely to get ransoms like these, and the Biden administration continues to pay increasing prices and cave to the demands of Iran’s ruling mullahs. This decision emboldens Iran and our other adversaries to hold America hostage and capture American citizens as leverage to achieve other goals. (August 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/08/10/statement-from-national-security-council-spokesperson-adrienne-watson-on-the-status-of-unjustly-detained-americans-in-iran/>

<https://www.nationalreview.com/2023/08/the-critical-flaws-in-bidens-hostage-deal-with-iran/>

August 8 – President Biden created a new national monument in Arizona on August 8, banning uranium mining in a wide swath of land surrounding the Grand Canyon. Biden made it clear that this move is being taken in order to use the power of big government to “combat the existential threat of climate change,” though all the move really does is weaken American energy independence. (August 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/08/08/a-proclamation-on-establishment-of-the-baa-j-nwaavjo-itah-kukveni-ancestral-footprints-of-the-grand-canyon-national-monument/>

<https://phys.org/news/2023-08-biden-environment-grand-canyon.html>

## JULY 2023

July 28 – The Department of Transportation announced a new fuel economy standards proposal that would require vehicles to meet new standards by 2032—66 miles per gallon for passenger cars and 54 miles per gallon for light trucks. Such a standard would place major burdens on automobile manufacturers and consumers and force a shift towards expensive and less efficient electric vehicles. This forced reliance on electric vehicles will also force greater reliance on the People’s Republic of China while putting currently insurmountable burdens on our own nation’s electrical grid. (July 2023)

<https://www.nhtsa.gov/sites/nhtsa.gov/files/2023-07/CAFE-2027-2032-HDPUV-2030-2035-NPRM-web-version.pdf>

July 24 – On July 24, the State of Texas was sued by the Biden Department of Justice for taking action to stop the flow of illegal immigrants through the construction of a buoy barrier in the Rio Grande River. Not only has the Biden-Harris administration completely failed to get control of the crisis at our southern border—they are even taking steps to stop states from making efforts to protect their communities. (July 2023)

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-files-complaint-against-state-texas-illegally-placing-floating-buoy>

July 11 – After a five-year absence, the United States rejoined the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) after the Biden administration proposed re-admission. A return to UNESCO requires American taxpayers to foot an over \$619 million dollar bill for back payments and future payments to an entity that recognizes Palestine as a full member, without advancing any national security interests. (July 2023)

<https://www.unesco.org/en/articles/united-states-america-announces-its-intention-rejoin-unesco-july>

[https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/u-s-formally-rejoins-unesco-5-years-after-withdraw#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20\(AP\)%20%E2%80%94%20The%20United,after%20a%20five%20year%20absence.](https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/u-s-formally-rejoins-unesco-5-years-after-withdraw#:~:text=WASHINGTON%20(AP)%20%E2%80%94%20The%20United,after%20a%20five%20year%20absence.)

July 7 – Department of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas announced on July 7 the implementation of new “family reunification parole” programs. These programs allow certain foreign nationals from Colombia, El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras who have relatives in the United States to immediately enter the country rather than wait for a visa. The DHS action is a legally doubtful exercise of the Secretary’s parole power which makes immigration increasingly unmanageable, waving through inadmissible migrants en masse. (July 2023)

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/07/07/dhs-announces-family-reunification-parole-processes-colombia-el-salvador-guatemala>

## JUNE 2023

June 21 – On June 21, the EPA issued a final rule establishing new biofuel volume requirements for 2023 to 2025. The new renewable fuel standards set ethanol blending levels nearly a billion gallons more than the federal government’s projected transportation fuel demand. The requirements will keep Renewable Identification Number prices astronomically high, hurting independent refiners. (June 2023)

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-finalizes-new-renewable-fuel-standards-strengthen-us-energy-security-support-us>

June 5 – The Biden-Harris EPA published a new federal “good neighbor” rule on June 5—the plan is an ozone emissions rule that requires states located “upwind” of other states to further decrease their emissions in order to help the “downwind” states meet their requirements. This expansive rule is yet another example of federal overreach by the administration, targeting 21 states as “out of compliance.” (June 2023)

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-finalizes-new-renewable-fuel-standards-strengthen-us-energy-security-support-us>

June 5 – At the beginning of June, President Biden announced that a new debt ceiling deal had been reached. The deal became the Fiscal Responsibility Act, which the president signed into law on June 3. The FRA lifts the federal debt ceiling until 2025, kicking the fiscal can down the road and ignoring the key drivers of our national debt. The plan allows unlimited borrowing and spending until 2025, waters down spending cuts, and erodes defense spending at a time when tensions with American adversaries are growing—clearly failing to meet the seriousness of our fiscal moment the real solutions it requires. (June 2023)

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-finalizes-new-renewable-fuel-standards-strengthen-us-energy-security-support-us>

## MAY 2023

May 25 – President Biden vetoed a bill passed with bipartisan support that would have blocked the District of Columbia’s Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022. Despite initially signaling their opposition to the DC crime bill by signing a Congressional disapproval resolution, the Biden administration caved to pressure from the radical Left and vetoed this latest effort to make our nation’s capital safer. (May 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/05/25/message-to-the-house-of-representatives-presidents-veto-of-h-j-res-42/>

May 16 – After a bipartisan effort in Congress produced a Congressional Review Act resolution that would have undone the Biden administration’s two-year moratorium on solar tariffs, President Biden issued a veto on May 16 to keep his tariff suspension in place. This veto is another disappointing example of the Biden administration’s refusal to stand up for American workers and manufacturers as they choose instead to enable those who engage in unfair trade practices. The Biden administration continues to pick winners and losers in the energy marketplace as Americans suffer through an energy crisis of the administration’s creation. (May 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2023/05/16/statement-from-president-joe-biden-on-his-veto-of-h-j-res-39/>

May 11 – The EPA proposed new power plant regulations in May to comply with the Biden administration’s aggressive climate and environmental goals. The proposed rules are the tightest ever emission-reduction standards for power plants, and would threaten electric reliability while raising energy prices to unsustainable levels. (May 2023)

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-proposes-new-carbon-pollution-standards-fossil-fuel-fired-power-plants-tackle>

May 1 – Beginning on May 1, the Biden administration began to enforce their new mortgage rule which punishes buyers with good credit. The administration is requiring adjusting mortgage calculations to reduce costs for people with low credit scores by penalizing homebuyers with a FICO credit score at 680 or above. The new policy brings with it a raft of dangers to borrowers and financial stability, and could have the effect of decreasing homeownership among the middle class due to skyrocketing costs for creditworthy borrowers. This new framework will increase mortgage costs for lower-risk individuals, handicapping those borrowers with larger down payments, and will disincentivize good credit behavior—all during an inflation crisis. (May 2023)

<https://www.foxbusiness.com/real-estate/experts-outraged-bidens-new-mortgage-rule-punishing-buyers-good-credit-recipe-disaster>

## APRIL 2023

April 21 – President Biden signed an executive order on April 21 designed to advance environmental justice. The order creates a new Office of Environmental Justice and directs federal agencies to take a “whole-of government approach to environmental justice.” This order continues the Biden administration’s long-standing policy of expanding the administrative state wherever possible. The presidential action is a transparent attempt to entrench “environmental justice” in the bureaucracy, in the latest example of the Biden administration attempting to weaponize the federal government. (April 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/04/21/executive-order-on-revitalizing-our-nations-commitment-to-environmental-justice-for-all/>

April 6 – On April 6, the Biden Administration’s Education Department announced a proposed change to its Title IX regulations on students’ eligibility for athletic teams. The rule would make it illegal for schools to protect women and girls in sports by requiring schools to allow transgender students to compete on sports teams based on their “gender identity.” (April 2023)

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/fact-sheet-us-department-educations-proposed-change-its-title-ix-regulations-students-eligibility-athletic-teams>

April 6 – President Biden signed an executive order on April 6 entitled “Modernizing Regulatory Review.” The order unveils a series of tangible policy positions (including a push to place greater emphasis on “equity considerations”) based on the administration’s core regulatory principles. The April 6 executive order represents a significant shift in the manner in which federal agencies engage in regulatory analysis in order to justify rulemaking, and will lead to a review process that is less rigorous. Biden’s order, and subsequent memoranda from the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), could also make it far easier for agencies to use the pretext of “more expansive benefits” to justify actions that are more costly. (April 2023)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/04/11/2023-07760/modernizing-regulatory-review>

## MARCH 2023

March 31 – The Biden OPM (Office of Personnel Management) released new “Guidance Regarding Gender Identity and Inclusion in the Federal Workplace” on March 31. The new rules require federal agencies to detail plans for supporting gender transition of federal employees in the workplace. The document requires that these plans reflect internal policies and procedures detailing how gender transitions will be handled, and include details on how gender transitioning employees will be “supported” consistent with the administration’s goals. The OPM guidance says that federal agency rules must set out a procedure that “would include, with the transitioning employee’s input and consent, when and which colleagues to notify of a transition; the timing for name changes and pronoun changes, where applicable and consistent with this Guidance, in email, IT systems, and employee profiles; and a process for any gender identity inclusion training for supervisors, managers, and coworkers if such training would be beneficial.” (March 2023)

<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/diversity-equity-inclusion-and-accessibility/reference-materials/guidance-regarding-gender-identity-and-inclusion-in-the-federal-workplace.pdf>

March 28 – President Biden’s EPA handed down new heavy-duty vehicle emissions regulations at the end of March, which would significantly hamstring small business owners by driving up costs. The trucking and manufacturing sectors would be hit particularly hard by the new regulatory hoops. (March 2023)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/03/28/2022-04934/control-of-air-pollution-from-new-motor-vehicles-heavy-duty-engine-and-vehicle-standards>

March 20 – President Biden’s Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule went into effect on March 20. The rule officially rescinds the Trump-Pence WOTUS rule and places hundreds of thousands of streams and waterways under the jurisdiction of the federal government. The rule significantly expands federal regulatory authority by redefining “waters of the United States” to include traditional navigable waters, the territorial seas, interstate waters, as well as impoundments of these waters, their tributaries, and a wide set of adjacent wetlands. It also includes lakes, ponds, streams, and other wetlands that either form a “significant nexus” with these waters, or are “relatively permanent.” The executive overreach means that all of these waters will now officially fall under the Clean Water Act. (March 2023)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/12/07/2021-25601/revised-definition-of-waters-of-the-united-states>

*APRIL 2023 UPDATE:* On April 6, President Biden vetoed a resolution overturning his WOTUS rule that was produced by a bipartisan effort in the House of Representatives and Senate. The President’s veto ensures that the expansive overreach of executive power relating to WOTUS will stand.

<https://transportation.house.gov/news/documentsingle.aspx?DocumentID=406322>



March 14 – On March 14, President Biden issued an executive order that continues his administration’s policy of antagonism towards gun owners. The order employs a “whole of government approach” to strengthen last year’s Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA), which gave the government ill-defined authority to target gun owners and firearm-related businesses. In his executive order, the President orders a variety of federal departments (Justice Department, Health and Human Services, Education, and others) to present how they intend to implement the BSCA to the fullest extent possible. The order also directs federal agencies to promote red flag laws, collect more information on federally licensed firearms dealers, and expand background checks. (March 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2023/03/14/executive-order-on-reducing-gun-violence-and-making-our-communities-safer/>

## **FEBRUARY 2023**

February 22 – The Department of Education published a new proposed regulation that would end a Trump-Pence rule that added extra safeguards for the rights of faith-based campus groups. The Trump-Pence rule required public universities and colleges to respect the First Amendment rights of faith-based campus groups in order to receive federal grant money. The new Biden rule would force some student groups to either fight for their right to meet in court or lose the right altogether. (February 2023)

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/ED-2022-OPE-0157-0001>

February 3 – Late Friday evening on February 3, the Biden administration notified Congress that it would be waiving sanctions on nonproliferation activities involving Iran. The decision was made despite Iran's continued noncompliance with its Comprehensive Safeguards Agreement, renewed concerns about Iran and Russia's military alliance, and clear potential benefits to Russia's state-owned energy giant, Rosatom. (February 2023)

<https://www.jns.org/biden-announces-partial-waiver-of-sanctions-on-iran/>

February 2 – The Biden administration's Treasury Department, Department of Labor, and Department of Health and Human Services proposed a new rule that would rescind a Trump-Pence rule ensuring religious and moral protections for employers. Under the Trump-Pence rule, employers with religious or moral convictions were not forced to supply birth control and other contraceptive measures to health care plan enrollees. The new Biden rule will dramatically limit these protections, entirely doing away with exemptions for non-religious moral objectors and shrinking protections for religious objectors. (February 2023)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/02/02/2023-01981/coverage-of-certain-preventive-services-under-the-affordable-care-act>

## JANUARY 2023

January 25 – The Biden administration released a proposed “Renters Bill of Rights” as the latest push for more rental housing regulations. The proposal appears to accelerate incremental investment dollars to the Sunbelt while punishing subsidized housing in major cities. The White House proposal creates real concern that increased housing investment where it is most needed will be discouraged. (January 2023)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/White-House-Blueprint-for-a-Renters-Bill-of-Rights.pdf>

January 19 – On January 19, the Biden-Harris Department of Health and Human Services released a report entitled “Marking the 50th Anniversary of Roe: Biden-Harris Administration Efforts to Protect Reproductive Health Care.” The report outlines the administration’s approach to the recent Dobbs decision, which includes a whole-government approach to pushing abortion and contraception. (January 2023)

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/roe-report.pdf>

January 13 – The Biden-Harris Department of Justice announced that they have submitted a new “Stabilizing Braces” Final Rule to the Federal Register. The rule would penalize law-abiding gunowners through new restrictions for legal firearms. The rule would require gun owners to register pistols with stabilizing braces (often used by disabled Americans) to register the firearms with the ATF or face up to 10 years in jail and thousands of dollars in fines. (January 2023)

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-new-rule-address-stabilizing-braces-accessories-used-convert>

January 5 – The Biden-Harris Department of Homeland Security announced a new mass amnesty plan in early January. The proposal includes taking in an additional 30,000 illegal aliens each month, faster catch-and-release at the border, and quicker admission of illegal aliens at American ports of entry. (January 2023)

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2023/01/05/dhs-continues-prepare-end-title-42-announces-new-border-enforcement-measures-and>

## DECEMBER 2022

December 30 – The Biden administration waited until the very end of the year to quietly release a final “Revised Definition of ‘Waters of the United States’” rule. The new rules put unfair demands on hard-working Americans by increasing the power of the federal government over farming and private property. The rule will most directly impact economic drivers like farmers, ranchers, manufacturers, miners, and many others. (December 2022)

<https://www.epa.gov/wotus/revising-definition-waters-united-states>

December 29 – At the end of the year, President Biden signed a \$1.7 trillion omnibus spending package. The bill includes \$772.5 billion for nondefense discretionary programs, \$858 billion in defense funding, roughly \$47 billion in fresh aid to Ukraine, more than 7,200 earmarks costing over \$15 billion, hundreds of millions for gender, equity, and climate initiatives, and much more. The bill marked a continued rejection by the Biden-Harris administration to listen to conservative demands for spending cuts. The over 4,000 page monstrosity includes countless shocking provisions, such as a Malthusian allocation of over \$575 million for “family planning in areas where population growth threatens biodiversity or endangered species.” (December 2022)

<https://www.epa.gov/wotus/revising-definition-waters-united-states>

December 12 – On December 12, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published its Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2024. In the document, the Biden administration proposes that they will limit the number of health plans that can be offered on the federal Exchange platform. This would render over 57% of all plans offered through the federal platform illegal and kick nearly 3 million people off of their plans. (December 2022)

[https://d1dth6e84htgma.cloudfront.net/022823\\_2024\\_NBPP\\_Letter\\_FINAL\\_921ebf7987.pdf](https://d1dth6e84htgma.cloudfront.net/022823_2024_NBPP_Letter_FINAL_921ebf7987.pdf)

December 8 – President Biden released one of the most dangerous arms dealers in the world—the “Merchant of Death” Viktor Bout—at a time when Russia is advancing a heartless war in Ukraine. Viktor Bout is a Russian weapons dealer convicted in 2011 for conspiring to kill U.S. citizens and officials. Bout was exchanged for US citizen Brittney Griner, a WNBA basketball player being held in Russia since February of 2022 on charges of drug smuggling and cannabis possession. Paul Whelan, a US Marine who has been detained in Russia since 2018, was not included in the trade. (December 2022)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/09/world/europe/viktor-bout-welcome-russia.html>

December 8 – President Biden announced a \$36 billion private pension bailout, the largest in American history. The money comes from President Biden’s \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 release package. The act marks yet another example of the Biden administration mismanaging taxpayer funds. (December 2022)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/12/09/world/europe/viktor-bout-welcome-russia.html>

## NOVEMBER 2022

November 30 – The Biden administration dismissed a report by the Department of Defense which had found that the administration’s failed Afghanistan withdrawal was used to undermine the U.S. by the Chinese Communist Party. National Security Council spokesman John Kirby maintained, “Nations like China and Russia took a look at what we did in Afghanistan, and we’ve talked about this many, many times over the last year, and had to marvel at the speed, the efficiency of their effectiveness that very small number... of troops... are able to move that many Afghans safely out of that country.” The remarks indicate a shocking lack of awareness on the part of the administration, or a lack of willingness to acknowledge the foreign policy failure for what it was. (November 2022)

<https://www.nationalreview.com/news/pentagon-spokesman-says-china-and-russia-had-to-marvel-at-u-s-withdrawal-from-afghanistan/>

November 29 – The Department of Defense published a report that found the Chinese Communist Party used the Biden-Harris administration’s failed withdrawal from Afghanistan to undermine U.S. national security and erode American influence. (November 2022)

<https://media.defense.gov/2022/Nov/29/2003122279/-1/-1/1/2022-MILITARY-AND-SECURITY-DEVELOPMENTS-INVOLVING-THE-PEOPLES-REPUBLIC-OF-CHINA.PDF>

November 22 – On November 22, the Biden-Harris administration’s Department of Education announced that they would be once again extending the pause on student loan repayments, possibly until 60 days after June 30. If this were to take place, estimates from the D.C.-based think tank The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget indicate that it would cost upwards of \$40 billion. (November 2022)

<https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-continues-fight-student-debt-relief-millions-borrowers-extends-student-loan-repayment-pause>  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2022/11/22/student-loan-payment-pause-extension/>

November 7 – The Washington Post awarded President Biden a “bottomless Pinocchio” rating for repeatedly claiming that he has “spent more time with Xi Jinping (President of China) than any other head of state,” and has traveled “17,000 miles with him.” The Washington Post awards the bottomless Pinocchio rating to statements repeated at least 20 times that are so false they have received either 3 or 4 “pinocchios” on previous occasions. The White House has continued to repeat the claim, even after fact-checkers proved it false. (November 2022)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/08/25/remarks-by-president-biden-announcing-student-loan-debt-relief-plan/>

November 1 – The Biden White House put out a tweet crediting “President Biden’s leadership” as the reason that Seniors are getting the biggest increase in their Social Security checks in 10 years. The White House failed to note what is directly responsible for the bump in benefits—namely, high inflation rates. The cost-of-living adjustment is the biggest in over 40 years.

*UPDATE:* The White House removed the tweet after Twitter added a context note to the tweet which read, “Seniors will receive a large Social Security benefit increase due to the annual cost of living adjustment, which is based on the inflation rate.” (November 2022)

<https://nypost.com/2022/11/02/republicans-fact-check-white-house-on-cause-of-inflation/>

## OCTOBER 2022

October 31 – On October 31, President Biden threatened to impose a windfall tax and other restrictions on major oil companies making “excess profits,” accusing companies of “war profiteering.” The president’s fear-mongering remarks indicate that the administration is continuing to turn a blind eye to the reality of increasing energy demand, constrained supply, and faulty policy decisions. (October 2022)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/10/13/2022-21454/employee-or-independent-contractor-classification-under-the-fair-labor-standards-act>

October 19 – President Biden announced that 15 million additional barrels would be released from the strategic oil reserve. As a result of the transparent move to bail out Democrats ahead of the 2022 midterms, the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) is now at its lowest level in four decades, with no plans from the Biden administration to restore it. With the latest announcement, President Biden has now sold off over 40 percent of the national stockpile (over 200 barrels) during his presidency. This is more than all other US presidents in history combined. (October 2022)

<https://www.npr.org/2022/10/18/1129788081/biden-to-release-another-15m-barrels-from-strategic-reserve>

October 13 – In October 2022, OPEC announced a cut to oil production—a decision that produced outrage from the Biden administration. On October 13, The Saudi Foreign Ministry announced that the Biden administration had been aware of the decision before it took effect and had “suggested” that the cuts be delayed by a month. Such a delay would have also likely delayed any rise in US gas prices until after the 2022 midterm elections. (October 2022)

<https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-biden-inflation-business-elections-a359717a7edd2e609701d03328b55418>

October 13 – The Biden administration’s Department of Labor published a new rule on October 13 that changed the definition of independent contractors under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The rule will make it more difficult for companies to classify workers as independent contractors, which will have a significant impact on the wages of workers. The Biden action rescinds and replaces a Trump-Pence administration rule. (October 2022)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/10/13/2022-21454/employee-or-independent-contractor-classification-under-the-fair-labor-standards-act>

## SEPTEMBER 2022

September 8 – The Biden Department of Homeland Security issued a new “Fair and Humane Public Charge Rule,” which the criteria for public charge determinations. Under the new rule, the DHS will no longer consider SNAP, CHIP, Medicaid, or other non-cash benefits that a noncitizen is receiving while making its public charge determinations. Furthermore, the DHS will also no longer consider benefits received by the family members of applicants. These changes by the Biden-Harris DHS makes it easier for illegal aliens to rely on public benefits, ensuring that the only things that will trigger a public charge finding are the reception of cash benefits or long-term institutional care. (September 2022)

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2022/09/08/dhs-publishes-fair-and-humane-public-charge-rule>

September 6 – The National Labor Relations Board announced a new joint employer proposal on September 6. This would rescind and replace a 2020 rule that provided clear criteria for companies to apply when determining status. The new rule would greatly expand joint-employer liability and has devastating implications for small businesses and the economy as a whole. (September 2022)

<https://www.nlr.gov/news-outreach/news-story/nlr-issues-notice-of-proposed-rulemaking-on-joint-employer-standard>



## AUGUST 2022

August 30 – President Biden’s Department of Homeland Security issued a new final rule to protect DACA recipients from deportation. The new rule removed the requirement that DACA renewal applicants are required to apply for work authorization but affirmed that recipients can be considered “lawfully present” for purposes of the Affordable Care Act and in other contexts. (August 2022)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/08/30/2022-18401/deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals>

August 24 – President Biden signed an executive order that transferred student loan debt to the general public. The Biden action will encourage more reckless borrowing, while stoking higher inflation and saddling taxpayers with hundreds of billions of dollars in new debt. Not only is the executive order likely unconstitutional – it also serves as an insult to Americans who chose not to go to college or worked hard to pay off their student loan debts, all while supporting higher tuition rates. (August 2022)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2022/08/25/remarks-by-president-biden-announcing-student-loan-debt-relief-plan/>

August 16 – President Biden signed a sweeping \$750 billion health care, tax, and climate bill into law at the White House. The bill will impose a minimum tax on businesses, levy a one percent tax on stock buybacks, provide funding to double the size of the IRS with 87,000 new agents to perform audits, and much more. The so-called “Inflation Reduction Act” is a short-sighted and regressive action that punishes Americans who have watched prices skyrocket over the past year and a half. (August 2022)

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/08/16/politics/biden-inflation-reduction-act-signing/index.html>

## **JULY 2022**

July 29 – In the aftermath of the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision, President Biden signed an executive order that directed the Department of Health and Human Services to expand access to chemical abortion and contraception to make them “as widely accessible as possible.” (July 2022)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/08/executive-order-on-protecting-access-to-reproductive-healthcare-services/>

July 6 – The Department of Education released new, higher standards for charter schools seeking funding. The new rules will require charter schools to submit a “community impact analysis” and prove that they are operating in a community where existing public schools are over-enrolled. (July 2022)

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/07/06/2022-14445/final-priorities-requirements-definitions-and-selection-criteria-expanding-opportunity-through>

## **JUNE 2022**

June 25 – President Biden signed into law gun control legislation that provides almost one billion dollars in incentives for states to enact problematic “red flag” laws that can result in the denial of an individual’s Second Amendment rights without due process.

(June 2022) <https://www.cnn.com/2022/06/25/politics/biden-signs-gun-bill/index.html>

June 21 – The Biden Department of Education released new proposed Title IX regulations, including a proposal that would expand its longstanding definition of sex to include “sex stereotypes, sex characteristics, pregnancy or related conditions, sexual orientation and gender identity.” The proposal could force public schools to allow biological males to participate in women’s sports and access facilities such as bathrooms and locker rooms in order to receive federal funding. (June 2022)

<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/t9nprm.pdf>

## MAY 2022

May 10 – When mobs gathered outside the homes of Supreme Court justices in light of the recent *Dobbs* draft opinion leak, the Biden White House and Department of Justice refused to condemn intimidation and threats against justices. Even while protests necessitated increased security for the justices amid threats against their lives and family members, a White House representative remarked, “We certainly continue to encourage that outside of judges’ homes.” They went on to say that “intimidation and threats against people seeking legal reproductive healthcare—and against our Capitol and American democracy also warrant some outrage.” (May 2022) <https://thefederalist.com/2022/05/12/white-house-press-secretary-encourages-angry-mobs-surrounding-supreme-court-justices-homes/>  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2022/05/10/press-briefing-by-press-secretary-jen-psaki-may-10-2022/>

## APRIL 2022

April 27 – The Biden-Harris Department of Homeland Security announced a new Disinformation Governance Board to combat “the spread of disinformation.” This followed a campaign promise from then-candidate Joe Biden during the 2020 presidential campaign to crack down on “misinformation and conspiracy theories.” The announcement itself offered few details about the purpose or powers of the board, which prompted serious concern that the Department of Homeland Security will be actively engaging in the suppression of free speech. These concerns were not assuaged by the news that the new Disinformation board would be led by Nina Jankowicz, a woman who had herself been accused of circulating false information when it came to her outspoken rejection of the Hunter Biden laptop story as “Russian disinformation.”

*UPDATE:* The Disinformation Governance Board and its working groups were “paused” on May 18, 2022 pending review, and Nina Jankowicz resigned her position as head of the board. On August 24, 2022, the board was formally terminated. (April 2022)

<https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-immigration-media-europe-misinformation-4e873389889bb1d9e2ad8659d9975e9d>

April 19 – The Biden administration undid Trump-era rollbacks of environmental regulations, reimplementing core restrictions to an environmental law on infrastructure projects. The new rules would require federal agencies to conduct an analysis of the greenhouse gases that could be emitted over the lifetime of a proposed project. (April 2022)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/19/climate/biden-climate-nepa-trump.html>

## MARCH 2022

March 31 – The US State Department announced that starting in April of 2022, individuals will be able to select “X” as their gender on U.S. passports. The “X” on State Department public forms will be defined as “unspecified or another gender identity.” (March 2022)

<https://www.state.gov/x-gender-marker-available-on-u-s-passports-starting-april-11/>

March 21 – The Biden SEC issued a proposed rule which would require public companies to disclose greenhouse gas emissions and their exposure to climate change. If adopted, this rule would artificially disincentivize oil and gas production while increasing environmental compliance costs. (March 2022) <https://www.sec.gov/rules/proposed/2022/33-11042.pdf>

March 11 – The Biden administration continued to keep a knee to the neck of domestic oil and gas producers by imposing interim regulations through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission which will increase the regulatory burden on natural gas facilities. (March 2022)

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/FERC-2022-0283-0001>

March 1 – The Biden administration refused to appeal an unprecedented court decision that invalidated an offshore oil and gas leasing sale held in November of 2021. (March 2022)

<https://thehill.com/policy/energy-environment/596334-biden-administration-declines-to-appeal-invalidation-of-offshore>

March 1 – The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission published a new policy statement that increased climate change regulations for new interstate natural gas facilities, in the middle of a gas prices crisis. (March 2022) <https://www.regulations.gov/document/FERC-2022-0225-0001>

## **FEBRUARY 2022**

February 19 – In response to a judge blocking the Biden administration’s arbitrary use of social costs of carbon, the administration paused all new oil and gas leases and permits on Federal land. This action unnecessarily hurt domestic production at a time when the oil and gas industry desperately needed support. (February 2022)

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/02/20/climate/carbon-biden-drilling-climate.html>

February 9 – The Biden Environmental Protection Agency proposed a new rule that would effectively reinstate Obama-era regulations on coal and oil-fired power plants. The rule would revoke a Trump-Pence rule that had cut red tape on coal and oil-fired power generators.

(February 2022) <https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0794-4581>

February 4 – The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (a branch of the HHS) announced a harm reduction grant program expected to issue \$30 million in grant awards, funding for which was authorized by the Biden administration’s American Rescue Plan.

According to the SAMHSA plan, funds may be used to purchase “equipment and supplies to enhance harm reduction efforts,” including “safe smoking kits and supplies.” After immediate backlash caused by a fear that federal funding would be used to purchase crack pipes and other paraphernalia, HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra and ONDCP Director Rahul Gupta were forced to issue a statement clarifying that no federal funding would be used to put pipes in safe smoking kits. <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/sp-22-001> ,

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/grants/pdf/fy22-harm-reduction-nofo.pdf>,

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2022/02/09/statement-hhs-secretary-xavier-becerra-and-ondcp-director-rahul-gupta.html>

## JANUARY 2022

January 18 – Almost a full year into his presidency, President Biden has failed to fill vacancies on the United States Sentencing Commission. Only one of the seven positions is currently filled on the commission, which sets federal sentencing guidelines for many crimes. The failure to fill these vacancies prevents the commission from even meeting the required quorum of four voting members, rendering it effectively powerless. President Trump nominated five members to the commission in August of 2020, but the Senate took no action on the Trump nominees. The U.S. Judicial Conference recommended six judges in April of 2021 for nomination, but President Biden has taken no steps to nominate a single judge. (January 2022)

<https://www.reuters.com/legal/government/us-sentencing-panels-last-member-breyer-urges-biden-revive-commission-2021-11-11/>

<https://today.law.harvard.edu/weighing-president-bidens-first-year-criminal-justice-reform/>

January 4 – President Biden’s Office of Public Management issued new proposed regulations that will tie managers’ hands when attempting to apply disciplinary actions against delinquent workers. The proposed regulations came by the direction of a January 2021 Biden executive order and would make it once again incredibly difficult to terminate the employment of federal workers for cause, even those who have been found guilty of criminal activity. (January 2022):

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2022/01/04/2021-28205/probation-on-initial-appointment-to-a-competitive-position-performance-based-reduction-in-grade-and>



## DECEMBER 2021

December 23 – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services rejected Medicaid work requirements in Georgia, once again taking a swipe at state-based innovation within federal programs—and at the dignity of work. The decision continued the administration’s rollback of the Trump-era policy, targeting the only remaining state with federal approval for the requirements. (December 2021) <https://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Waivers/1115/downloads/ga/ga-pathways-to-coverage-12-23-2021-ca.pdf>

December 17 – The White House COVID-19 Response Team and public health officials offered a “Message to the Unvaccinated” during an official press briefing just before Christmas: “We are intent on not letting Omicron disrupt work and school for the vaccinated. You’ve done the right thing, and we will get through this. For the unvaccinated, you’re looking at a winter of severe illness and death for yourselves, your families, and the hospitals you may soon overwhelm.” (December 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2021/12/17/press-briefing-by-white-house-covid-19-response-team-and-public-health-officials-74/>

## NOVEMBER 2021

November 15 – President Biden signed into law the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which authorized \$1.2 trillion in new spending, including crony subsidies for green energy. The bill used budget gimmicks, extended fees on mortgages, as well as harmful new taxes on cryptocurrency to “bring down” its top-line cost. (November 2021)

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/15/politics/biden-signing-ceremony-infrastructure-bill-white-house/index.html>

November 11 – The Biden administration changed the USA’s UN vote from ‘no’ to ‘abstention’ on UNRWA affirmation, breaking with the voting pattern on Israel set by the Trump administration. The Biden administration did not reject a UN General Assembly Resolution granting Palestinian refugees the right to return to Israel. (November 2021)

[https://www.jpost.com/international/us-changes-its-un-vote-from-no-to-abstention-on-unrwa-affirmation-684542?\\_ga=2.238359042.369480656.1636311589-1969581575.1579377799&utm\\_source=ActiveCampaign&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_content=US+changes+its+UN+vote+from++no++to++abstention++on+UNRWA+affirmation&utm\\_campaign=November+10%2C+2021+Day](https://www.jpost.com/international/us-changes-its-un-vote-from-no-to-abstention-on-unrwa-affirmation-684542?_ga=2.238359042.369480656.1636311589-1969581575.1579377799&utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=US+changes+its+UN+vote+from++no++to++abstention++on+UNRWA+affirmation&utm_campaign=November+10%2C+2021+Day)

November 4 – The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officially announced the imposition of a vaccine mandate for employees of large employers (100 or more employees) in a blatant abuse of power from the Biden administration dictating the personal medical decisions of millions of Americans. The mandate, which would have applied to more than 80 million American workers, was later struck down as unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court in the case *NFIB v. OSHA* (595 U.S. \_\_\_\_ (2022)). (November 2021)

<https://www.osha.gov/news/newsreleases/national/11042021>  
[https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/21a244\\_hgci.pdf](https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/21pdf/21a244_hgci.pdf)

November 3 – The Biden “Build Back Better” plan was introduced with a bevy of destructive policies that would cripple domestic oil and gas producers. Among these destructive policies, the plan featured a tax on natural gas, in the form of a tax on up to \$1500 per ton of methane. It also would increase fees and royalties for both onshore and offshore oil and gas production, while implementing an \$8 billion tax on companies that produce, process, transmit, or store oil and natural gas. The plan drives up costs for fossil fuel competition, expanding the EV Tax Credit from \$7,500 to \$12,500. The plan also includes a \$13 billion tax increase on oil production, increasing the tax on each barrel of crude oil from 9.7 cents to 16.4 cents. (November 2021)

<https://rules.house.gov/sites/democrats.rules.house.gov/files/BILLS-117HR5376RH-RCP117-18.pdf>

November 2 – The Biden administration launched a Global Methane Pledge with a stated goal of reducing global methane emissions and limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius. Notably, Russia and China did not sign the pledge, which increased the world’s reliance on those countries for oil and gas while simultaneously hamstringing the U.S. domestic natural gas industry. (November 2021)

<https://www.state.gov/united-states-european-union-and-partners-formally-launch-global-methane-pledge-to-keep-1-5c-within-reach/>

## OCTOBER 2021

October 19 – Although the Biden-Harris administration announced a sweeping plan that could force millions of unvaccinated Americans to get the COVID-19 shot, President Biden’s ICE said it “cannot mandate individuals in detention consent to be vaccinated.” (September 2021)

<https://www.ice.gov/doclib/coronavirus/eroCOVID19responseReqsCleanFacilities.pdf>

October 13 – The U.S. Department of Labor proposed a rule to consider “environmental, social, and governance factors” in plan management, which would direct the federal government to implement policies that considers “climate change” related financial risks. (October 2021)

<https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/ebsa/ebsa20211013>

October 4 – Attorney General Merrick Garland released a memo directing the FBI to take an active role in addressing “harassment, intimidation, and threats” against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff in the wake of protests against critical race theory and failed responses by school boards and administrators to sexual harassment and assault. The memo was widely understood to give the FBI a directive to intrude on local school board meetings and crack down on anti-critical race theory parental protests. (October 2021)

<https://www.justice.gov/ag/page/file/1438986/download>

## SEPTEMBER 2021

September 26 – The Biden administration allowed more than 12,000 migrants from the Del Rio surge to be released into the United States, and DHS Secretary Mayorkas stated that the number could increase by several thousand. [https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/more-than-12k-migrants-del-rio-released-into-us?utm\\_source=Alert\\_Breaking%20-%202021-09-26%2012:29%20PM\\_09/26/2021&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=WEX\\_Breaking%20News&rid=24906348&env=ecffc274e8a9a781e701d0b0e3c3622fec14747e6eedfdb92034236f3fc35550](https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/more-than-12k-migrants-del-rio-released-into-us?utm_source=Alert_Breaking%20-%202021-09-26%2012:29%20PM_09/26/2021&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=WEX_Breaking%20News&rid=24906348&env=ecffc274e8a9a781e701d0b0e3c3622fec14747e6eedfdb92034236f3fc35550)

September 9 – The Biden Department of Homeland Security increased civil penalties for individuals who do not comply with the federal face mask requirement. Under this new directive, travelers using airports, airports, commercial aircraft, and various modes of surface transportation (including passenger railroads, intercity bus services, and other public transportation) are subject to a new range of penalties if they violate the requirement to wear a mask. The new range of penalties are \$500-\$1000 for first offenders and \$1000-\$3000 for second offenders. (September 2021) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/09/09/dhs-increase-civil-penalties-violations-federal-face-mask-requirement>

September 9 – President Biden announced that the Department of Labor was developing an emergency rule that would require all employers with 100 or more employees to impose vaccination mandates for their employees or have employees show a negative test at least once a week. (September 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/09/09/remarks-by-president-biden-on-fighting-the-covid-19-pandemic-3/>

## AUGUST 2021

August 2021 – President Biden oversaw one of the greatest foreign policy failures in the modern era, the catastrophic withdrawal from Afghanistan. This blunder resulted in the collapse of the Afghan forces and the Afghan government, resigned billions of dollars worth of American equipment to the Taliban, and put thousands of Americans in jeopardy as they scrambled to escape Kabul. (August 2021) <https://advancingamericanfreedom.com/broke-our-deal-taliban/>

August 10 – The Department of Health and Human Services revoked Medicaid work requirements in Ohio, South Carolina, and Utah. Throughout the summer of 2021, HHS continued to unwind Trump-era policy priorities in the Medicaid program. This brought to a near conclusion the HHS's efforts to eliminate work requirements in Medicaid in the 12 states that received approval for them during the Trump administration. (August 2021) <https://www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/section-1115-demonstrations/downloads/sc-healthy-connections-works-state-ltr-08102021.pdf?source=email>

## JULY 2021

July 30 – The Biden DOJ filed suit against the state of Texas to block state troopers from stopping migrants. The suit was brought to prevent state troopers from stopping vehicles carrying migrants on grounds that they may spread COVID-19. Attorney General Merrick Garland argued that such a practice would interfere with the federal government’s disastrous policy of “catch and release.” [https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/jul/30/biden-administration-sues-texas-to-block-state-tro/?utm\\_source=Boomtrain&utm\\_medium=manual&utm\\_campaign=newsalert&utm\\_content=newsalert&utm\\_term=newsalert&utm\\_term=1H1GUAqcXL%2FZ%2BD07jpdC09oeyjYN61LYW0SKMi%2BX2cD6vftKMhILR82WO3fcXluF&utm\\_term=1627687655360](https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2021/jul/30/biden-administration-sues-texas-to-block-state-tro/?utm_source=Boomtrain&utm_medium=manual&utm_campaign=newsalert&utm_content=newsalert&utm_term=newsalert&utm_term=1H1GUAqcXL%2FZ%2BD07jpdC09oeyjYN61LYW0SKMi%2BX2cD6vftKMhILR82WO3fcXluF&utm_term=1627687655360)

July 23 – The Biden administration cancelled two border barrier contracts, which were already in the process of adding an additional 31 miles of border wall, and called to cancel remaining border wall funding. These actions were taken despite a growing surge of illegal crossings at the southern border. (July 2021) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/07/23/dhs-cancel-laredo-sector-border-barrier-contracts>

July 13 – The State Department waived sanctions on the illicit Iranian oil trade on the same day that the DOJ announced new charges against a network of Iranian intelligence agents who sought to kidnap an American journalist and bring him to Iran. This gave the world’s biggest state sponsor of terrorism an economic bailout by freeing up billions of dollars that U.S. sanctions had frozen in foreign banks. (July 2021) <https://freebeacon.com/biden-administration/biden-admin-waives-sanctions-on-iranian-oil-trade-as-doj-announces-charges-on-iranian-spy-network/>

July 9 – President Biden abused the power of the pen with an Executive Order to preempt Congressional action on antitrust. This order imposes a stunning ban on voluntary non-compete agreements and grants an unprecedented amount of power to the Federal Trade Commission over mergers and acquisitions. In particular, the provisions on prescription drug pricing and transportation represent a gross overreach of executive authority. (July 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/07/09/executive-order-on-promoting-competition-in-the-american-economy/>

July 7 – The Biden administration froze the Abraham Fund, which was a fund to facilitate the implementation of the Abraham Accords among Israel and several Arab nations. (July 2021) <https://en.globes.co.il/en/article-us-freezes-abraham-fund-as-israel-uae-business-ties-falter-1001377257>

July 1 – President Biden pushed for a global minimum tax rate, and secured a preliminary agreement with 130 countries with the explicit goal to “endorse a global minimum tax rate of at least 15 percent” and “halt the race to the bottom for corporate taxes.” (July 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/07/01/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-todays-agreement-of-130-countries-to-support-a-global-minimum-tax-for-the-worlds-largest-corporations/>

## JUNE 2021

June 30 – The Biden-Harris administration announced commitments to the internationally-based Generation Equality Forum, affirmatively promoting abortion at home and abroad. (June 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/30/fact-sheet-united-states-to-announce-commitments-to-the-generation-equality-forum/>

June 30 – President Biden nullified a Trump-Pence rule that accelerated the consideration of complaints brought before the EEOC and reduced the number of proceedings needing to go to court. (June 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/30/bills-signed-s-j-res-13-s-j-res-14-s-j-res-15/>

June 30 – President Biden signed S.J.Res.14 into law. This law nullified the Trump-Pence rule that reduced unrealistic and harmful methane emissions standards from petroleum processing. (June 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/30/bills-signed-s-j-res-13-s-j-res-14-s-j-res-15/>

June 25 – President Biden signed an Executive Order on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Federal Workforce. Among other initiatives, the order required federal agencies to ensure “that employee services support transgender employees who wish to legally, medically or socially transition,” advanced the use of “non-binary gender markers and pronouns in Federal employment processes,” and issued directives that federal health insurance benefits must “provide comprehensive gender-affirming care.” (June 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/30/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-advances-equality-for-transgender-americans/>

June 23 – The Biden-Harris administration announced a “comprehensive five-part plan” to reduce gun violence. This five-part plan was constructed around the premise that the federal government should be more involved in gun control. This includes urging Congress to pass a federal “red flag” law. (June 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/06/23/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-comprehensive-strategy-to-prevent-and-respond-to-gun-crime-and-ensure-public-safety/>

June 10 – The Housing and Urban Development Department reinstated the Obama-era Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing rule, which had been terminated by the Trump-Pence administration in 2020. The AFFH rule had a devastating impact on suburban areas and sought to artificially inflict urban zoning and other unwanted initiatives. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/26/memorandum-on-redressing-our-nations-and-the-federal-governments-history-of-discriminatory-housing-practices-and-policies/>

June 7 –The Biden Justice Department issued proposed rule and model legislation to prompt states to craft “extreme risk protection order” laws, also known as “red flag” laws. (June 2021) <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-issues-proposed-rule-and-model-legislation-reduce-gun-violence>

June 1 – The DHS officially terminated the Migrant Protection Protocols. Under the MPP, individuals who arrive at the southern border requesting asylum are given a specific date or time to appear in immigration court and are required to remain in Mexico until that time. The U.S. District Court for the Northern district of Texas determined on August 13, 2021 that the June 1 memo was issued in violation of the Administrative procedure Act and INA. The DHS was ordered to “enforce and implement MPP in good faith.” <https://www.dhs.gov/migrant-protection-protocols>



## MAY 2021

May 14 – President Biden walked back the Trump-Pence acknowledgement that Section 230 liability protections for tech companies should be narrowly interpreted and are in need of statutory reform, repealed the prohibition on taxpayer dollars flowing to tech companies that restrict free speech, and repealed the federal review of unfair or deceptive practices of tech companies. (May 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/14/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions-and-technical-amendment/>

May 14 – President Biden repealed additional protections for America's statues, monuments, and memorials, terminated the Task Force on Building and Rebuilding Monuments to American Heroes, and ended the National Garden of American Heroes project. (May 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/14/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions-and-technical-amendment/>

May 14 – President Biden revoked the Trump executive order that had ensured Americans have notice of potential criminal liability for violations of federal regulations. The Trump order had also ensured that criminal enforcement of regulatory offenses should be focused on the most culpable individuals. (May 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/14/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions-and-technical-amendment/>

May 14 – The Biden administration revoked Proclamation 9945, which required immigrants to demonstrate that they would not be a financial burden to the U.S. healthcare system, arguing that such a proclamation “does not advance the interests of the United States.” <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/14/a-proclamation-on-revoking-proclamation-9945/>

May 9 – Jake Sullivan, President Biden’s National Security Advisor, gave legitimacy to Palestinians squatting in Jewish-owned buildings and on Jewish-owned lands, despite years (decades, in some instances) of Israeli court directives to evict the squatters. (May 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/05/09/readout-from-nsc-spokesperson-emily-horne-on-national-security-advisor-jake-sullivans-call-with-israeli-national-security-advisor-meir-ben-shabbat-regarding-the-situation-in-jerusalem/>

May 7 – The Biden Justice Department issued a proposed rule that changes the definition of “firearm” and related parts for the first time since 1968. The proposed rule targets so-called “ghost guns” (May 2021) <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-proposes-new-regulation-update-firearm-definitions>

May 7 – President Biden established a “temporary” Climate Change Support Office in the State Department to support an attempt to “increase international climate ambition” and “integrate climate change into all elements of United States foreign policy-making decision processes.” (May 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/07/executive-order-on-the-establishment-of-the-climate-change-support-office/>

May 5 – President Biden issued a proclamation for the National Day of Prayer without a single mention of God or the Judeo-Christian values that underpin the founding of the United States. (May 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/05/05/a-proclamation-on-national-day-of-prayer/>

## APRIL 2021

April 28 – President Biden revealed his American Families Plan, which represents a massive and unaffordable expansion of the federal government’s role in education. The plan would radically reshape education in America. It would require a drastic increase in taxes to pay for the increased role for the federal government in education from pre-school to college. (April 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/28/fact-sheet-the-american-families-plan/> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/press-briefings/2021/04/28/background-press-call-by-senior-administration-officials-on-the-american-families-plan/>

April 27 – President Biden signed an executive order to increase the minimum wage for federal contractors. The order increased the minimum wage for federal contractors to \$15 an hour and indexed to inflation the minimum wage that federal contractors must pay their employees on federal projects. The order also phases-out the tipped minimum wage for such employees. (April 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/27/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-issues-an-executive-order-to-raise-the-minimum-wage-to-15-for-federal-contractors/> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/04/27/executive-order-on-increasing-the-minimum-wage-for-federal-contractors/>

April 27 – The Biden administration sent hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars to Central America in the form of foreign aid, with no promise from their governments to prevent migration into Mexico and eventually the United States. This action was taken after cancelling Trump-Pence agreements with the Central American countries with respect to illegal migration. (April 2021) <https://www.state.gov/providing-humanitarian-assistance-to-support-the-vice-presidents-leadership-in-addressing-migration-challenges-in-central-america/>

April 26 – President Biden created a White House Task Force on Worker Organizing and Empowerment, focused on “mobilizing the federal government’s policies, programs, and practices to empower workers to organize and successfully bargain with their employers,” despite declining membership in—and effectiveness of—labor unions across America. (April 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/26/fact-sheet-executive-order-establishing-the-white-house-task-force-on-worker-organizing-and-empowerment/> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/23/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan-empowers-and-protects-workers/> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/04/26/executive-order-on-worker-organizing-and-empowerment/>

April 23 – The Biden administration rescinded two civil financial penalties for illegal immigrants who fail to depart as ordered. (April 2021) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/04/23/dhs-announces-rescission-civil-penalties-failure-depart>

April 22 – The Biden Administration continued a push for electric vehicles and away from petroleum-powered vehicles without taking any action to ensure American independence in this sector. The administration announced they would accelerate the deployment of EVs and chargers

despite the obvious national security risks of increasing American energy and transportation reliance on China and the Congo, which produce most of the world's minerals needed for the batteries in electric cars. (April 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/22/fact-sheet-biden-administration-advances-electric-vehicle-charging-infrastructure/>

April 22 – The White House announced the “U.S. International Climate Finance Plan,” which uses taxpayer money to advance left-wing “climate financing” goals around the world. (April 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/22/executive-summary-u-s-international-climate-finance-plan/>

April 22 – The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that homeless shelters, including faith-based shelters, may no longer decide how to house transgender or gender non-conforming residents. (April 2021) [https://www.hud.gov/press/press\\_releases\\_media\\_advisories/HUD\\_No\\_21\\_069](https://www.hud.gov/press/press_releases_media_advisories/HUD_No_21_069)

April 19 – The Biden Department of Education proposed a grant program that prioritizes education focusing on bias, discrimination, and anti-racism. The Department of Education notice cited the 1619 Project and activist Ibram X. Kendi in arguing that American classrooms should be used to prioritize teaching about “systemic marginalization, biases, inequities, and discriminatory policy and practice in American history.” (April 2021) <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/04/19/2021-08068/proposed-priorities-american-history-and-civics-education>

April 19 – The Department of Energy revoked a Trump order protecting the U.S. electrical grid from Chinese cyberattack. The Trump order prohibited electric utilities that supply critical defense facilities from importing certain power system equipment from China. (April 2021) <https://www.energy.gov/sites/default/files/2021-04/Revocation%20of%20Prohibition%20Order%2004202021.pdf>

April 16 – The Biden administration removed Trump-Pence restrictions on government-funded research involving fetal tissue derived from aborted babies. (April 2021) [https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/biden-administration-removes-trump-era-restrictions-on-fetal-tissue-research/2021/04/16/71719006-9ed2-11eb-8005-bffc3a39f6d3\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/biden-administration-removes-trump-era-restrictions-on-fetal-tissue-research/2021/04/16/71719006-9ed2-11eb-8005-bffc3a39f6d3_story.html)

April 16 – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services revoked the Medicaid waivers of key states like Texas, which the Trump-Pence Administration had granted in order to allow state-based innovation and flexibility in the bloated federal program. The move was an attempt to strong-arm states like Texas into expanding Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. Ultimately, the state of Texas won a preliminary injunction in August of 2021 barring the Biden administration from refusing to extend a waiver. (April 2021) <https://thehill.com/policy/healthcare/548769-biden-officials-rescind-texas-medicaid-waiver-approved-by-trump> ; <https://www.reuters.com/legal/litigation/biden-cant-rescind-texas-medicaid-waiver-court-rules-2021-08-20/>

April 14 – The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services proposed to bring Planned Parenthood back into the Title X grant program and then increased funding for Title X. (April 2021) <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2021/04/14/fact-sheet-notice-of-proposed-rulemaking-ensuring-access-to-equitable-affordable-client-centered.html>  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/13/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-initial-actions-to-address-the-black-maternal-health-crisis/>

April 12 – The FDA made the abortion pill mifepristone available via telemedicine and mail, removing the in-person dispensing requirement for the pill. (April 2021)  
<https://www.acog.org/news/news-releases/2021/04/acog-applauds-fda-action-on-mifepristone-access-during-covid-19-pandemic>

April 7 – The Biden-Harris Administration announced 6 actions being taken to “address the gun violence public health epidemic.” These actions included multiple directives to restrict “ghost guns” (guns assembled from disparate pieces or “printed”) and gun braces, as well as to encourage constitutionally dubious laws such as “red flag” laws, which make it easier to take guns away from law-abiding people. The announcement contains multiple references to the misguided notion that a solution to gun violence is increased intervention and funding from the federal government—including Medicaid funding. (April 2021)  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/07/fact-sheet-biden-harris-administration-announces-initial-actions-to-address-the-gun-violence-public-health-epidemic/>

April 7 – The State Department announced the restoration of assistance to the Palestinians, included through the maligned United Nations Relief Works Agency (UNRWA). (April 2021)  
<https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-restores-assistance-for-the-palestinians/>

## MARCH 2021

March 31 – President Biden announced “The American Jobs Plan.” The plan would add to America’s exploding debt by implementing a multi-trillion-dollar “infrastructure” agenda that is packed with left-wing priorities, dog-whistles, and buzzwords, rather than focusing on actual infrastructure that is appropriate for federal purposes. (March 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>

March 30 – Biden administration officials refused to answer whether the administration views Judea and Samaria in Israel as “occupied” lands. (March 2021) <https://www.state.gov/briefing-with-acting-assistant-secretary-lisa-peterson-of-the-bureau-of-democracy-human-rights-and-labor-on-release-of-the-2020-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/>

<https://www.state.gov/acting-assistant-secretary-lisa-peterson-on-the-release-of-the-2020-country-reports-on-human-rights-practices/>

March 26 – The White House responded to Georgia’s attempts to make its elections more secure with a race-baiting statement from President Biden calling the Georgia law “Jim Crow in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” In doing so, the White House equated racial segregation laws to a law that expands early voting, requires election officials to wait to send absentee ballots until they are requested, and protects election security with voter ID requirements. (March 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/03/26/statement-by-president-biden-on-the-attack-on-the-right-to-vote-in-georgia/>

March 18 – The White House announced an intent to join the United Nation’s Group of Friends on Climate and Security, further legitimizing UN attempts to hamper U.S. economic growth. (March 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/18/president-biden-hosts-virtual-gathering-of-un-security-council-permanent-representatives/>

March 16 – The Biden administration announced that any illegal immigrant 17 years old or younger and “unaccompanied” would be allowed into the United States. This policy not only creates a huge incentive for illegal immigration, but also creates a humanitarian crisis as it encourages the trafficking of minors to the southern border. (March 2021)

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/03/16/statement-homeland-security-secretary-alejandro-n-mayorkas-regarding-situation>

March 16 – The Biden administration reinstated a policy that allows undocumented families to await their legal proceedings inside the United States, thereby creating a massive incentive for illegal immigration and human trafficking. (March 2021)

<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/03/16/statement-homeland-security-secretary-alejandro-n-mayorkas-regarding-situation>

March 12 – President Biden terminated a memorandum that sought to ensure that minors illegally entering the United States are not sent to illegal immigrants already in the United States, thereby potentially endangering the lives of migrant children and encouraging further illegal

immigration. (March 2021) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/03/12/hhs-and-dhs-joint-statement-termination-2018-agreement>

March 11 – President Biden signed into law the American Rescue Plan, a colossal spending bill that drove inflation to record highs by adding nearly \$2 trillion to the national debt and creating the largest expansion of the welfare state since President Lyndon B. Johnson was in office.

(March 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/10/statement-by-president-joe-biden-on-the-house-passage-of-the-american-rescue-plan/> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/03/15/remarks-by-president-biden-on-the-implementation-of-the-american-rescue-plan/>

March 10 – President Biden reimplemented the Central American Minors Program, which aims to unite children living in Central American countries with parents lawfully present in the United States. In practice, however, this program encourages illegal immigration despite record surges in unauthorized border crossings. (March 2021) <https://www.state.gov/restarting-the-central-american-minors-program/>

March 9 – The Biden administration ceased enforcement of the “public charge” rule, a policy that allowed immigration authorities to deny entry to migrants who would rely on taxpayer benefits immediately upon entry. (March 2021) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/03/09/dhs-secretary-statement-2019-public-charge-rule>

March 7 – President Biden used an executive order to further expand the federal government’s role in elections and diminish the authority of the states. The executive order put forth the assertion that, “It is the responsibility of the Federal Government to expand access to, and education about, voter registration and election information, and to combat misinformation.” The order instructed the heads of all federal agencies—including agencies that have nothing to do with elections—to “evaluate ways in which the agency can, as appropriate and consistent with applicable law, promote voter registration and voter participation.” This directive includes strong encouragement for each agency to register voters and create ways to distribute vote-by-mail ballots in the course of other, unrelated activities. (March 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/03/07/executive-order-on-promoting-access-to-voting/>

March 3 – The Biden Administration locked the Twitter account for Immigration and Customs Enforcement alerts, a public safety account that notified the public about criminal illegal aliens. (March 2021) <https://www.dailysignal.com/2021/03/03/twitter-account-for-immigration-and-customs-enforcement-alerts-on-criminal-aliens-locked-by-biden-administration/>



## FEBRUARY 2021

February 25 – President Biden committed to protect Saudi Arabia from Iranian-aligned groups, while his administration continued to embolden these very groups by de-listing them from terrorist rosters and calling for a return to the Iranian nuclear deal. (February 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/25/readout-of-president-joseph-r-biden-jr-call-with-king-salman-bin-abdulaziz-al-saud-of-saudi-arabia/>

February 24 – President Biden revoked the Trump proclamation that temporarily prohibited entry into the U.S. of foreigners during COVID who would present a risk to American jobs. The purpose of the Trump proclamation was to protect the United States labor market during the American economic recovery—the Biden action reverses these protections. (February 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/24/a-proclamation-on-revoking-proclamation-10014/>

February 24 – President Biden signed an executive order in order to revoke multiple presidential actions from the Trump-Pence administration. The Biden order unwound the Trump-Pence administration’s attempt to rein in and bring accountability to the Dodd-Frank financial regulation law. It also revoked the Trump memos prohibiting collective bargaining by Defense Department staff and calling for the withholding of certain federal funds from cities that permit anarchy, violence, and destruction. The Biden order restored regulatory barriers for private-sector workers returning to work during COVID and restored the ability of career staff at federal agencies to make new regulations without the approval of political appointees. (February 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/24/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions/>

February 24 – President Biden revoked a Trump executive order that prohibited career staff at federal agencies from making new regulations without the approval of political appointees. The Biden order significantly hampers democratic accountability in agency rulemaking, increasing the influence of career officials over rules which govern the daily lives of Americans. (February 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/24/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions/>

February 24 – President Biden revoked a Trump executive order that directed secretaries of multiple federal agencies to conduct reviews of federal assistance programs in order to determine whether adding work requirements would help achieve program objectives. (February 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/24/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions/>

February 24 – President Biden revoked the Trump executive order promoting beautiful federal civil architecture. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/24/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-certain-presidential-actions/>

February 23 – The US Department of Education Office for Civil Rights (OCR) withdrew pending legal actions in Connecticut and Idaho that had been brought to support women athletes by banning biological males from competing in biological females’ sports competitions.



(February 2021)

<https://adfmedialegalfiles.blob.core.windows.net/files/WithdrawalSouleDOEImpendingEnforcementLetterRevised.pdf>

February 18 – Secretary of State Blinken released a joint statement with the Foreign Ministers of France, Germany, and the United Kingdom expressing a desire to rejoin the Iran nuclear deal (the “JCPOA”), even while recognizing that Iran is taking steps toward developing nuclear weapons. (February 2021) <https://www.state.gov/joint-statement-by-the-secretary-of-state-of-the-united-states-of-america-and-the-foreign-ministers-of-france-germany-the-united-kingdom/>

February 17 – President Biden repealed the Trump executive order expanding industry-recognized apprenticeships and expanded government-overseen apprenticeships. This step was taken because industry-recognized apprenticeships explicitly are not government-overseen and may not pay on union wage scales. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/17/executive-order-on-the-revocation-of-executive-order-13801/> <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/17/fact-sheet-biden-administration-to-take-steps-to-bolster-registered-apprenticeships/>

February 12 – Secretary of State Antony Blinken removed the terrorist designation from the Iranian-terrorist-funded Houthis in Yemen. (February 2021) <https://www.state.gov/revocation-of-the-terrorist-designations-of-ansarallah/>

February 11 – President Biden declared an end to the national emergency at the border and ordered an end to the diversion of taxpayer dollars to construct a wall at the southern border, contrary to current law. This declaration was made despite record surges in unauthorized border crossings. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/11/a-letter-to-the-speaker-of-the-house-and-president-of-the-senate-regarding-the-termination-of-the-national-emergency-concerning-the-southern-border/>

February 8 – The United States gave legitimacy to the totalitarian-led, anti-Israel UN Human Rights Council by rejoining it as an observer. (February 2021) <https://www.state.gov/u-s-decision-to-reengage-with-the-un-human-rights-council/>

February 6 – President Biden suspended and initiated the process to terminate the Asylum Cooperative Agreements with the Governments of El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, which were aimed at reducing illegal immigration into Mexico and the United States. (February 2021) <https://www.state.gov/suspending-and-terminating-the-asylum-cooperative-agreements-with-the-governments-el-salvador-guatemala-and-honduras/>

February 4 – President Biden revoked President Trump’s executive orders that reduced abuse of the refugee system and that incorporated state and local opinions into refugee resettlement. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/04/executive-order-on-rebuilding-and-enhancing-programs-to-resettle-refugees-and-planning-for-the-impact-of-climate-change-on-migration/>

February 4 – President Biden directed immigration authorities to treat certain non-married same-sex couples as legally married couples to further reduce restrictions on refugee resettlement. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/04/executive-order-on-rebuilding-and-enhancing-programs-to-resettle-refugees-and-planning-for-the-impact-of-climate-change-on-migration/>

February 4 – President Biden ordered the production of an interagency report detailing “climate change and its impact on migration, including forced migration, internal displacement, and planned relocation.” (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/04/executive-order-on-rebuilding-and-enhancing-programs-to-resettle-refugees-and-planning-for-the-impact-of-climate-change-on-migration/>

February 4 – President Biden included “climate” as an area of action for the National Security Council and included the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate as a regular attendee of the National Security Council. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/02/04/memorandum-on-renewing-the-national-security-council-system/>

February 2 – President Biden set in motion a review of the asylum system with the aim of expanding available pathways for immigrants to claim asylum, contrary to existing asylum law that requires people to seek asylum in the closest or easiest country to their own. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/02/executive-order-on-creating-a-comprehensive-regional-framework-to-address-the-causes-of-migration-to-manage-migration-throughout-north-and-central-america-and-to-provide-safe-and-orderly-processing/>

February 2 – President Biden repealed several of President Trump’s executive orders meant to strengthen security measures against illegal immigration. This action was taken despite growing numbers of unauthorized entries at the southern border, thus encouraging further violation of U.S. immigration law. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/02/executive-order-on-creating-a-comprehensive-regional-framework-to-address-the-causes-of-migration-to-manage-migration-throughout-north-and-central-america-and-to-provide-safe-and-orderly-processing/>

February 2 – President Biden reinstated the policy of “catch and release”, a policy that releases undocumented immigrants apprehended at the border on the condition that they appear for future court hearings. In practice, this policy allows illegal immigrants to avoid facing court hearings altogether and makes a mockery of U.S. immigration law. (February 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/02/02/executive-order-on-creating-a-comprehensive-regional-framework-to-address-the-causes-of-migration-to-manage-migration-throughout-north-and-central-america-and-to-provide-safe-and-orderly-processing/>

## JANUARY 2021

January 31 – President Biden officially withdrew 73 proposed spending rescissions that President Trump had submitted. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/31/letter-from-president-joe-biden-to-the-speaker-of-the-house-of-representatives-and-the-president-of-the-senate/>

January 28 – President Biden directed the review and likely repeal of President Trump’s Title X rule that required the separation of abortion and non-abortion activities in facilities receiving federal funds. (January 2021). <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>

January 28 – President Biden ordered the United States withdrawal from the Geneva Consensus Declaration, a U.S.-led, 34-country agreement, which, among many other things, declared that abortion is not an international human right and that abortion should never be promoted as a method of family planning. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>

January 28 – The Biden-Harris Administration restored funding to the United Nations Population Fund, the UN’s abortion and sexual rights agency. At the same time, the administration directed USAID and other federal agencies to resume funding for abortions in foreign assistance programs. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>

January 28 – President Biden issued a memorandum revoking President Trump’s expansion of the “Mexico City Policy.” The Mexico City Policy is a longstanding bipartisan agreement to not allow foreign aid to be used for abortion promotion or performance outside the United States. President Trump had expanded these restrictions to apply the policy to global health assistance in all federal agencies. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/memorandum-on-protecting-womens-health-at-home-and-abroad/>

January 28 – President Biden issued an executive order that directed HHS to consider creating an additional enrollment period for Obamacare to bring more Americans into the federal exchange. The order also revoked a previous executive order which had directed federal agencies to facilitate the purchase of health insurance across state lines and to promote competition in healthcare markets. (January 2021). <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/28/executive-order-on-strengthening-medicare-and-the-affordable-care-act/>

January 27 – President Biden called for the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer to be submitted to Congress as a treaty. The Kigali Amendment would be extremely costly for any individual, family, or business that uses air conditioning, refrigeration, or other cooling systems, all while offering minimal environmental impact. (January 2021). <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/>

January 26 – President Biden signed an executive order to eliminate the use of private prisons in the federal criminal justice system. The order prevented the Department of Justice from renewing contracts with privately operated criminal detention facilities. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/26/executive-order-on-reforming-our-incarceration-system-to-eliminate-the-use-of-privately-operated-criminal-detention-facilities/>

January 26 – In a memorandum condemning racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, President Biden condemned those who identify of the COVID-19 virus by the geographic location of its origin (i.e. China). The memorandum accuses those who identify the COVID-19 virus in this way as engaging in “racially discriminatory language” and contributing to racism, xenophobia, and intolerance against Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/26/memorandum-condemning-and-combating-racism-xenophobia-and-intolerance-against-asian-americans-and-pacific-islanders-in-the-united-states/>

January 22 – President Biden and Vice President Harris issued a joint statement that called for the codification of *Roe v. Wade* as a “foundational precedent” to which all judicial nominees should commit. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/22/statement-from-president-biden-and-vice-president-harris-on-the-48th-anniversary-of-roe-v-wade/>

January 22 – President Biden signed an executive order rescinding a 2020 Trump Administration directive streamlining the discipline and firing of federal employees. The executive order instructed the Office of Public Management to propose new rules, including a proposal for increasing the minimum wage for federal employees. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/22/executive-order-protecting-the-federal-workforce/>

January 22 – President Biden signed an executive order declaring that it will be the policy of the United States to encourage union organizing and collective bargaining. The executive order also repealed the Trump-Pence efforts to minimize and make efficient and transparent any taxpayer-funded union time. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/22/executive-order-protecting-the-federal-workforce/>

January 22 – President Biden signed an executive order revoking the “Schedule F” reforms that increased the accountability of more federal workers who develop policy. Schedule F would have allowed agencies to better respond to and discipline poor performers in roles with a great effect on policy creation and development. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/22/executive-order-protecting-the-federal-workforce/>

January 22 – President Biden eliminated the Trump-era system of merit for federal employee accountability and job performance and directed the senior leadership of every federal agency to engage in collective bargaining with employees, should they seek it. (January 2021).

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/22/executive-order-protecting-the-federal-workforce/>

January 20 – On the first day of his presidency, Joe Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Accord, despite the environmental and job gains made without it. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/20/paris-climate-agreement/> / <https://www.state.gov/the-united-states-officially-rejoins-the-paris-agreement/>

January 20 – President Biden signed an executive order that eliminated expedited environmental reviews for certain high-priority infrastructure projects, halted energy development in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and withdrew certain areas in the Bering Sea and other Arctic waters from energy development. The Biden action also revoked executive orders, guidance documents, and memoranda that had made it easier to obtain energy exploration and development permits and to proceed with construction and other projects. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-protecting-public-health-and-environment-and-restoring-science-to-tackle-climate-crisis/>

January 20 – President Biden signed an executive order that ended Administrative PAYGO. Administrative PAYGO was reinvigorated by the Trump-Pence Administration in order to increase government accountability for administrative actions. The system required departments and agencies to propose offsets to the costs of discretionary administrative actions, or actions not required by statute, that increase mandatory spending. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-revocation-of-certain-executive-orders-concerning-federal-regulation/>

January 20 – President Biden rescinded the permit for completing the nearly-finished Keystone Pipeline, putting thousands of union jobs at risk and disappointing one of our closest allies, Canada, right off the bat. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-protecting-public-health-and-environment-and-restoring-science-to-tackle-climate-crisis/>  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/22/readout-of-president-joe-biden-call-with-prime-minister-justin-trudeau-of-canada/>

January 20 – President Biden signed an executive order on his very first day in office which, among other acts, abolished the 1776 Commission. Established during the Trump-Pence administration, the 1776 Commission was aimed at promoting patriotism in American education. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/>

January 20 – President Biden suspended the Trump-era order to ban, replace, and set new criteria on bulk-power system (BPS) electric equipment coming from a foreign country or national that poses a national security threat. The Trump rule had primarily been implemented to stop the Chinese Communist Party from having influence over the American power grid. (January 2021).

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-protecting-public-health-and-environment-and-restoring-science-to-tackle-climate-crisis/>

January 20 – President Biden signed a proclamation revoking the ban on travel into the United States from several terrorist-controlled nations (including Iran, Somalia, Syria, and others), thereby putting American national security further at risk. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-ending-discriminatory-bans-on-entry-to-the-united-states/>

January 20 – President Biden signed an executive order that mandated mask-wearing for all on-site federal employees and contractors, as well as any person that enters federal buildings or federal land. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-protecting-the-federal-workforce-and-requiring-mask-wearing/>

January 20 – President Biden signed an executive order that, among other things, terminated the one-in-two-out regulatory reform policy. This Biden order virtually guarantees the aggressive growth of the administrative state during the next four years. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-revocation-of-certain-executive-orders-concerning-federal-regulation/>

January 20 – President Biden revoked a variety of regulatory-reform Trump executive orders, including E.O. 13891, which had improved transparency and ensured the proper use of agency guidance documents. This Biden order makes the regulatory process easier for bureaucrats and harder for everyday American citizens. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-revocation-of-certain-executive-orders-concerning-federal-regulation/>

January 20 – President Biden rejoined the World Health Organization, despite its demonstrated gross incompetence with respect to COVID-19, as well as its breathless defense of the Communist government of China. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/01/20/letter-his-excellency-antonio-guterres/>

January 20 – President Biden signed an executive order revoking a Trump executive order, Executive Order 13768 (Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States.” The order that was revoked by President Biden had maintained that interior enforcement of our Nation’s immigration laws is critically important to the national security and public safety of the United States. The revoked order had established that the policy of the executive branch would be to ensure the faithful execution of immigration laws, ensure that aliens ordered removed from the United States are promptly removed, and support victims and the families of victims of crimes committed by removable aliens. (January 2021)

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-the-revision-of-civil-immigration-enforcement-policies-and-priorities/>

January 20 – The Department of Homeland Security paused all deportations for a period of 100 days in order to “allow DHS to ensure that its resources are dedicated to responding to the most pressing challenges that the United States faces.” (January 2021)



<https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/01/20/acting-secretary-dhs-directs-review-immigration-enforcement-practices-and-policies>

January 20 – President Biden halted construction of the southern border wall and proclaimed that all resources appropriated to construct the wall would be “carefully reviewed” and redirected. The Biden proclamation directed the heads of executive departments and agencies to redirect funding for the border wall and terminate or repurpose the contracts of all of the private contractors engaged in wall construction. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-termination-of-emergency-with-respect-to-southern-border-of-united-states-and-redirection-of-funds-diverted-to-border-wall-construction/>

January 20 – President Biden terminated the national emergency at the southern border, claiming that the declaration of a national emergency at our southern border by President Trump was “unwarranted.” This action was taken despite ongoing and increasing violations of American immigration law at the border and continuous evidence for terrorist crossings from the south. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/proclamation-termination-of-emergency-with-respect-to-southern-border-of-united-states-and-redirection-of-funds-diverted-to-border-wall-construction/>

January 20 – The Department of Homeland Security suspended the Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP). Under the MPP, individuals who arrive at the southern border requesting asylum are given a specific date or time to appear in immigration court and are required to remain in Mexico until that time. The January 20 DHS suspension meant that the DHS would cease adding individuals into the program as of January 21, 2020. (January 2021) <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2021/01/20/dhs-statement-suspension-new-enrollments-migrant-protection-protocols-program>

January 20 – President Biden reinstated the illegally-created Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, further incentivizing the violation of American immigration law and making a mockery of the people who have faithfully waded through the arduous legal immigration process. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/preserving-and-fortifying-deferred-action-for-childhood-arrivals-daca/>

January 20 – President Biden ordered that the census-based apportionment of congressional districts shall include illegal aliens. The order affords legal representation in Congress and related taxpayer-funded benefits to those who are in America illegally, while incentivizing and rewarding localities that flout federal immigration laws. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-ensuring-a-lawful-and-accurate-enumeration-and-apportionment-pursuant-to-decennial-census/>

January 20 – As one of his first acts in office, President Biden expanded federal anti-discrimination law to include sexual orientation and gender identity. Through its language, the president’s executive order effectively wiped out many protections for women and girls in federal civil rights law. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-preventing-and-combating-discrimination-on-basis-of-gender-identity-or-sexual-orientation/>

January 20 – An executive order was signed by President Biden which revoked the ban on teaching or living by “critical race theory” and other race-based and sex-based stereotyping in federal agencies. This order cements the Biden-Harris administration’s support for educational programs that teach white students that they are inherently racist and need mental reform. (January 2021) <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/20/executive-order-advancing-racial-equity-and-support-for-underserved-communities-through-the-federal-government/>