

Biden's Accomplishments Thus Far

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Yes, President Biden is 80 years old. And yes, many 80-year-olds exhibit physical and/or cognitive decline. But do not be distracted by Joe Biden's age or what his age might suggest. Age alone is not a reliable indicator of intellect, energy, or ability. You need only look at Biden's accomplishments and leadership to understand how fit he has been and continues to be as our President.

President Biden demonstrated his savviness during this year's State of the Union Address when he tricked GOP hecklers into agreeing NOT to cut Social Security and Medicare on live TV! That maneuver ensured Social Security and Medicare were NOT part of debt ceiling negotiations where the GOP was apparently quite willing to take us over the cliff and default on our debt. His negotiating skills were also demonstrated in the overall debt ceiling outcome:

- He assembled a very talented and masterful negotiating team to achieve his results.
- He remained coy during negotiations, claiming he would not negotiate the debt ceiling and would not commit to using the 14th Amendment to pay our debts.
- He **protected** Social Security and Medicare through 2025.
- The debt limit is **suspended** until January 1, 2025.
- Discretionary spending is capped during fiscal 2024 and 2025.
- New provisions for SNAP (food stamps) will actually **increase** funding for SNAP and those eligible for the program.

As GOP Rep. Lauren Boebert tweeted, "*We got absolutely destroyed in this negotiation.*" GOP Rep. Nancy Mace also tweeted, "*Republicans got outsmarted by a President who can't find his pants.*" Important achievements because of President Biden's experience, wisdom and negotiating skills!

President Biden's accomplishments are particularly evident in legislation passed in his first 2 years. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Act is the largest reinvestment in our country's infrastructure in decades. It invests in energy supply chains, clean energy job creation, and rebuilding of our roads and bridges. According to Ellen Zentner, chief U.S. economist for Morgan Stanley, it is "driving a boom in large-scale infrastructure" across the country. Funding has already been approved for over 2800 bridge projects, including 9 critical mega bridge projects along with critical tunnels. The Inflation Reduction Act invests in clean energy, improves access to clean water, lowers the cost of drugs for seniors, significantly expands broadband access across rural communities, and reduces our deficits. Results are so strong that Republicans who opposed these legislative initiatives, are now taking credit for these accomplishments. Republican Senator Tommy Tuberville tweeted: "*Broadband is vital for the success of our rural communities and for our entire economy. Great to see Alabama receive crucial funds to boost ongoing broadband efforts.*"

The CHIPS and Science Act funds semiconductor industries and supply chain resilience, boosting US competitiveness, innovation, and national security. Importantly it has already motivated companies to invest over \$210B in private investment across 20 states for greater domestic manufacturing capacity. As of December 2022, over 50 semiconductor projects, creating over 44,000 new jobs, have been announced or begun!

Together these laws are spurring investments in manufacturing, creating jobs, and supporting workers like never before. And that is not just government investment. The private sector is proactively jointly supporting these initiatives (versus trickling down profits into stock buybacks)! Together, our economy has added over 13MM jobs, including 800,000+ manufacturing jobs. And since 2021 over 10MM applications have been filed for new small businesses.

A critical, highly important achievement was originally voted down by Senate Republicans – the Veteran’s PACT Act. It was signed into law last August after significant pressure from the Biden Administration and the public. It expands VA health care and benefits due to exposure to burn pits, Agent Orange and other toxins for veterans and their survivors.

Since taking office President Biden and his administration spend significant time and energy repairing our global standing, mending of relationships with our foreign allies, and rebuilding alliances around the world. Biden rejoined the Paris Climate Accord and the World Health Organization. Biden’s proactive leadership solidified and united NATO support for Ukraine, giving the world hope democracy will prevail against Russia. And it has led to the expansion of NATO with Finland and soon, Sweden. President Biden created and deepened our relationship with Asian allies, most recently with South Korea and Japan. And he has worked to address US middle-class economic concerns when it comes to trade in these relationships.

President Biden has accomplished much for all Americans since taking office. We already see the fruits of his accomplishments. And more importantly, he has laid the groundwork for more success going forward. President Biden may be 80 years old; but through his experience, wisdom, and moral compass he has out-achieved most presidents for the betterment of all Americans.

REMEMBER THESE ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND VOTE IN 2024!