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The Economy? Thank Obama-Biden

DEMOCRATS
SUCCEEDED

JOBS 1.5 Million More Under Obama-Biden. 3YR Comparison

The Obama-Biden administration brought the country out of a recession. Then, nearly 8.1 million jobs were added in the last three years of the Obama-Biden administration. Total employment growth slowed down during Trump's first three years with only 6.6 million jobs added.

GROWTH (GDP)

When Trump took office, the U.S. economy had been growing for seven straight years under the Obama-Biden administration. **It continues today**, creating the longest expansion on record. Plus, Trump never achieved the 4-6% Growth he promised.

UNEMPLOYMENT

The Obama-Biden unemployment delivered a 4.7% rate, which was already under the historic norm having reduced it from the Great Recession high of 16.8% in 2010. **The most dramatic drop in Black unemployment came during the Obama-Biden administration, going from 16.8% to 7.8%**. Trump's pre-COVID-19, 3.5% rate was largely a benefit from the Obama-Biden admin (seven year decline), but still, that rate is not the lowest in US history.

INCOME

Household median income also was higher for blacks prior to Trump taking office. A black household earned median income of \$41,361 in 2018, the latest data available. That's below a 2000 peak of \$43,380, according to the Census Bureau. The real median income of black households increased by 4.1 percent between 2014 and 2015, during the Obama-Biden administration.

More broadly, under Trump, there were multiple signs before the pandemic that the racial wealth gap had been worsening.

Lowest-earning workers began to outperform top wage earners starting in 2014—that's right the Obama-Biden administration.

STOCKS

Stock markets have historically performed better under Democrats than under Republicans. No different here. **S&P Stock Market Return % Obama, 182 vs. Trump, 43 (forbes.com)**

CORPORATE PROFITS

Obama-Biden administration holds the record at \$1.86 trillion in 2014.

TRADE

Despite Trump's aggressive trade moves, the total monthly trade deficit in goods and services — that is, the value of goods and services exported by the US minus the value of imports — has gotten larger in the last couple years. Last year, the trade deficit stood at \$891 billion. (Jan 2020 markets.businessinsider.com). **The deficit is higher now than any of the Obama-Biden years.**

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Fact check rollcall.com / apnews.com / theguardian.com / cbsnews.com

But what about Trump's tax cut?

2017 Tax and Jobs Act

The bulk of the \$150bn the tax cut put into the hands of corporations in 2018 went into shareholder dividends and stock buy-backs, both of which line the pockets of the 10% of Americans who own 84% of the stocks.

Just 6% of the tax savings was spent on workers, according to Just Capital, a not-for-profit that tracks the Russell 1000 index.

Fact check: theguardian.com

Law does benefit wealthier taxpayers more

When PolitiFact evaluated the bill just before Trump signed it, we found that every income group would pay less in taxes in 2019, but that the benefits would flow disproportionately to wealthier taxpayers.

And by 2027, every income group below \$75,000 would see a tax increase, while only those income ranges above \$75,000 would still see a cut.

The primary reason for that is some of the individual tax cuts phase out after 2025, because of congressional rules. By allowing some tax cuts to expire, the Republicans needed only 50 votes instead of 60 votes to change tax law. In this case, the tax changes that benefit lower-income people expire, while the measures that largely affect higher incomes do not.

Fact check: politifact.com

What Has Biden Ever Done?

BIDEN HAS DELIVERED

Category	Successes
Economic Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversaw the implementation of the Recovery Act—the biggest economic recovery plan in the history of the nation.• Plan saved millions of jobs and led to 75 uninterrupted months of job growth by 2016, and continues today. Economists say the recession would have lasted twice as long, job losses would have been twice as high and the drop in GDP would have been more than three times worse.
Criminal Justice	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created the Violence Against Women Act, criminalizes violence and provides resources for domestic and sexual assault
Foreign Affairs Ranking Member of Senate Foreign Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negotiated & preserved nuclear weapon treaties, including leading the New START Treaty with Russia, brought strategic nuclear weapons to the lowest levels in history.• Co-sponsored resolution that led to the salvation of Kosovo from Milosovic's ethnic cleansing.• Recognized as a senator influential in foreign relations• Worked to pass the Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act
Gun Violence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secured passage of the Brady background check bill that required a waiting period and background check.• Championed passage of the assault weapons and high-capacity magazines
Climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduced Global Climate Protection Act to address global warming
Civil Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worked to block Jeff Sessions and Robert Bork's federal judgeship nominations due to racism/anti-civil rights• Fought against Segregation while fighting for local control• Has voted to extend the Voting Rights Act
Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Local, State and National political experience, having served as a representative and Senator from Delaware. Plus, VP of the US.
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helped pass the Affordable Care Act reducing the number of uninsured by 20 million.• Helped lead the 2009 H1N1 "Swine flu" pandemic [12,469 deaths] and helping contain the 2014 Ebola epidemic to one death per CDC.

SNAPSHOT: THE BIDEN PLAN FOR THE US

A place where all Americans can realize their dreams, where different ideas and races and cultures are respected, and where leadership and creativity in science and international civil rights are admired,

Category	Plan
Education	Universal preschool and childcare so working parents can make ends meet
Health	Offer leadership to fight COVID-19 Subsidized elder care Improve Obamacare to make healthcare available for all Americans, including those with pre-existing conditions.
Jobs	Retrain workers losing jobs to accelerated automation Building American manufacturing Increasing pay and affordable childcare for working families
College	Help kids pay for college through no-interest loans and maybe paid national services
International Affairs	Strengthen relationships with allies Restrain Russian Aggression
Infrastructure	Build a modern infrastructure and equitable, clean energy future
Environment	Rejoin the Paris climate agreement, to help limit global warming Regulate pollution. Prevent disasters due to climate change
Civil Rights	Protect civil and voting rights
Big Business	Regulate Wall Street. Raise corporate tax rate to 28%
Taxes	Tax corporations and the wealthiest, making over \$400K to pay their fair share Expand the Child Tax Credit to help families

What Did Obama Do For Blacks?

OBAMA STRONGLY SUPPORTED BLACKS

MORE BLACK JUDGES + ONLY BLACK ATTORNEYS GENERAL

President Obama has made 62 lifetime appointments of African Americans to serve on the federal bench. In total, 19% of the President's confirmed judges have been African American, compared to 16% under President Bill Clinton and 7% under President George W. Bush. Appointed first African-American Attorney General, Eric Holder, followed by Loretta Lynch, first African-American woman.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The incarceration rates for African-American men and women fell during each year of the Obama Administration and were at their lowest points in over two decades. The imprisonment rates for African-American men and women were at their lowest points since the early 1990s and late 1980s, respectively, of 2014, the latest year for which Bureau of Justice Statistics data are available. Plus, President Barack Obama granted a whopping 1,927 clemencies in his two terms, the most of any President. (President George W. Bush granted 200. Trump has commuted the sentences of 11 prisoners and pardoned 27 people.)

HBCU SUPPORT – OVER \$4 Billion

Federal funding to HBCUs has grown each year since 2009. Over the course of 7 years, the Obama Administration invested more than \$4 billion in HBCUs.

HS EDUCATION

The high school graduation rate for African-American students is at its highest point in history. In the 2013-2014 academic year, 72.5 percent of African-American public high school students graduated within four years.

HEALTH

Since the start of Affordable Care Act's first open enrollment period at the end of 2013, the uninsured rate among non-elderly African Americans has declined by more than half. Over that period, about 3 million uninsured nonelderly, African-American adults gained health coverage.

POVERTY

The poverty rate for African Americans fell faster in 2015 than in any year since 1999. While the poverty rate fell for across all racial and ethnic groups this year, it fell 2.1 percentage points (p.p.) for African Americans, resulting in 700,000 fewer African Americans in poverty.

Biden Consistently Supports Blacks

**BIDEN
SUPPORTS**

Selected a Black Woman VP Candidate + Pledged a Black Woman Supreme Court Justice

Setting Kamala up for Presidency. Biden has also pledged to appoint the first African American woman to the U.S. Supreme Court, a move which is long overdue.

Endorsed by the Only Black US President

Served 8yrs as 2nd in command, supporting and helping President Obama succeed.

Developed A Specific Plan for Black America

Invests in Black Business through loans, contracts, & technical assistance. Expand housing access in lending, tax credit & fair practices; Improve retirement benefits & wealth generation; close the digital divide; Increase job diversity with fair pay; Ensure schools are funded, HBCUs are funded and college loan & tuition assistance; health investments; reducing number of prisoners and reforming police and justice, improving the environmental safety of communities. [Complete details:](#)

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Listens & Takes Direction from Black & Diverse Voices

46% of Staff (600+) are People of Color. Over 1/3 of Campaign Team is Black including senior campaign advisor, Symone Sanders, campaign co-chair, Cedric Richmond. "My administration's going to look like America, not just my staff..."

Consistently Present Showing Empathy with Black America

Including the funeral, Emanuel A.M.E. Church, where, in 2015, nine congregants at Bible study were shot and killed by a white supremacist to Jacob Black, shot by police in Kenosha, WI, speaking at the funeral of George Floyd and more senseless deaths.

Acknowledges Slavery As America's Original Sin

We're finally now getting to the point where we're going to be addressing the original sin of this country, 400 years old slavery and all the vestiges of it...". (Sept 2020, marketwatch.com)

On Record Denouncing White Supremacy & Systemic Racism

In fact, entered the 2020 Race in protest to White Supremacy and Trump's response to Charlottesville, VA Neo-Nazi protests. Acknowledges systemic racism. [Doesn't have the support of police unions because he stands for black lives.](#) Helped secure support for Black Africans fighting apartheid.

Strong Civil Rights Voting Record

As a U.S. Senator he co-sponsored the Civil Rights Act of 1990 to protect against employment discrimination and led multiple reauthorizations of the Voting Rights Act, protecting African Americans' right to vote. Plus, in 2005, Biden co-sponsored a resolution recommending a commemorative postage stamp honoring Rosa Parks (ontheissues.org).

100% Rating NAACP Legislative Report Card

Received high ratings over decades, including 100% ratings on last legislative report cards, ending 2006 and 2003 as a Senator. Measures voting record on civil rights and other priorities. Politifact.com

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What will they do for Blacks?

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Biden's Plan for Black America

A Highlight of Some of the Key Initiatives

Wealth Education Health Justice Civil Rights

\$15,000 in down payment assistance for first time homebuyers

End housing discrimination & increase loans

\$70 Billion for HBCUs, loan forgiveness, free public college options

Fight for equal pay & diverse hiring + funding for poorer schools

\$50 Billion in workforce training & eliminating the digital divide

\$3 Billion for small business, especially people of color

Ensure access to health care & address environmental justice

\$20 Billion grant toward incarceration prevention

Expand DOJ role addressing systemic police & prosecutor misconduct

Eliminate the death penalty & mandatory minimums

Decriminalize cannabis use and end incarceration for drug use alone

Form. incarcerated receive housing, mental health treatment, education

Increase voting rights protection

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LIFT EVERY VOICE

Why Voting Matters

Economic stability to morality, preservation of history and our very lives are on the ballot when we select a president. However, the President also nominates federal judges, including those on the supreme court. The wrong judge can be disastrous. EXAMPLE:

Supreme Court Action Against Voting Rights

The Supreme Court gutted a key provision of the Voting Rights Act that allowed the government to regulate new election laws — like eliminating polling locations — in several mostly Southern states with a history of discrimination.

Of note: At least 1,688 polling places closed across 13 states, nearly all in the South and West, between 2012 and 2018, according to a report by the Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights.

Axios.com

Trump is Dangerous

TRUMP IS
UNFIT

DISBELIEF OF OWN FBI & INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES

August 2020. "President Trump on Tuesday defended his "reluctance to embrace" United States intelligence agencies as he continues to question the latest reports that Russia is meddling in the 2020 election." thehill.com

RACISM & SOWING RACIAL DIVISION

1) September 2020. Trump blasts 1619 Project on role of Black Americans and proposes his own "1776 commission" cbsnews.com 2) "The far-right group the Proud Boys celebrated Tuesday night after President Trump refused to denounce white supremacy and mentioned them during the first presidential debate." thehill.com 3) June 2020. Trump retweets video of supporter shouting 'white power' bbc.com

COVID-19

1) April 2020. A Kansas man consumed cleaning products last weekend after Trump mused that injecting disinfectants might help fight the coronavirus. Businessinsider.com
2) September 2020. Former Nashville councillor Tony Tenpenny, 57, died as a result of complications relating to Covid-19 over the weekend. The Trump-supporting politician had shared posts on a now-deleted Facebook account that argued the virus was a hoax to attempt to stop Trump's re-election this November, as well as suggesting that mask wearers had been 'manipulated to live in fear' and were 'controlled by a socialist agenda'. ladbible.com

POLICE BRUTALITY

July 2017. Trump urged police to rough up suspected gang members during arrest. "Please don't be too nice." From New York to Los Angeles, law enforcement authorities criticized the president's remarks. Experts worried that his words could encourage the inappropriate use of force." Nytimes.com

ENVIRONMENT

1) September 2020. Trump Again Rejects Science. The president visited California after weeks of silence on its wildfires and blamed the crisis only on poor forest management, not climate change. "I don't think science knows" what is happening, he said. Nytimes.com

FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Trade deals that have created a deficits and high tariffs, International cyber attacks from Russia and China while aggravating foreign leaders.

MORALLY BANKRUPT

Lie (20,000+ by Wash. post), cheat, steal and scandal will be Trump's legacy. He's an irresponsible and unintentional role model. We have a gun violence problem in America and the nation elects someone who said in 2016, "I could stand in the middle of 5th Avenue and shoot somebody and I wouldn't lose voters."