# WHY IS BIDEN THE RIGHT CANDIDATE FOR AMERICA?

#### **ECONOMY**

In his first year in office, employers added 6.6 million jobs, an all-time record, per CNN, for a president's initial 12 months in office

- In January 2023, the country's unemployment rate dropped to its lowest point in more than half a century rate dropped to its lowest point in more than half a century
- The Biden administration has addressed the country's growing inflation, especially with the \$750 billion 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The New Republic pointed out "hourly wage increases exceeded inflation for the first time in two years" this past summer.
- The White House is enabling Medicare price negotiations on many major drugs, "with the new prices taking effect in 2026," according to The New York Times.

# WHAT HAS HE NOT (YET) DONE? (SO WE CAN ADDRESS PEOPLES' CONCERNS)

Legislative action to ensure access to reproductive healthcare, due to the 60-vote threshold in the senate

Comprehensive immigration reform as congressional Republicans have refused to consider the US Citizenship Act of 2021 he offered on his first day in office

Biden <u>removed</u> his campaign proposal for free community college from the massive spending bill

# **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Biden's signature legislative accomplishment, the Inflation Reduction Act, is also the largestever national investment in fighting climate change, predicted to create up to 9 million jobs over the next decade while reducing premature deaths from air pollution and helping the US dramatically reduce climate change-causing emissions.



# SYSTEMATIC CHANGE

Biden has placed more than 100 new judges many of them women and/or people of color — including the Supreme Court level.

# **GUN SAFETY**

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is the most consequential gun safety legislation in decades

- enhances background checks for prospective gun buyers under 21
- requires law enforcement authorities to have time to examine juvenile records, including mental health records beginning at age 16.
- funds community-based violence interruption programs and incentivizes states to pass "red flag" laws

# MENTAL HEALTH

\$10 billion in funding for mental healthcare, the largest-ever investment in America's mental healthcare system - critical when anxiety and depression are on the rise, especially among young Americans.

### WHAT ABOUT AMERICAN INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING, AND WORKERS?

THE CHIPS AND SCIENCE ACT DRAMATICALLY INCREASE DOMESTIC MICROCHIP MANUFACTURING. SEVERAL COMPANIES HAVE ANNOUNCED NEW OR INCREASED INVESTMENTS CREATING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS.

**.THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN INCLUDES:** 

36 BILLION IN FUNDING TO PROTECT WORKERS' PENSIONS \$40 BILLION IN FUNDS TO INVEST IN AND CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICA'S WORKERS FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME REDUCTION EFFORTS FUNDING FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT ACROSS THE COUNTRY MUCH-NEEDED FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO SMALL BUSINESSES INVESTMENTS IN HEALTHCARE CENTERS AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT EXPANDED FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS EXPANDED CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE AND INVESTED IN SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

·THE INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT IS THE LARGEST SINGLE INVESTMENT IN AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE IN MORE THAN A HALF-CENTURY. MANY OF THOSE PROJECTS CAME TO LIFE IN 2022, FOR NEARLY 7,000 SPECIFIC PROJECTS ACROSS ALL 50 STATES. AN INTERACTIVE MAP OF PROJECTS UNDERWAY CAN BE SEEN HERE. THESE EFFORTS INCLUDE:

2,800 BRIDGE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

MORE THAN \$3 BILLION TO UPGRADE INFRASTRUCTURE AT MORE THAN 3,000 AIRPORTS MORE THAN \$9 BILLION TO IMPROVE AMERICA'S WATER INFRASTRUCTURE, PIPES AND SERVICES LINES, AND SEWER SYSTEMS.

MORE THAN \$3 BILLION IN FUNDING TO MAKE HOMES MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT AND MORE THAN \$200 MILLION TO HELP

FAMILIES PAY OUTSTANDING ENERGY BILLS.

MORE THAN \$2.3 BILLION TO HELP STATES, TRIBAL NATIONS, AND TERRITORIES UPGRADE AND MODERNIZE AMERICA'S POWER

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NEARLY 15 MILLIONS OF HOUSEHOLDS TO HELP THEM AFFORD HIGH-SPEED INTERNET