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Biden offers rare praise of Trump during Covid speech

CNN Politics, 22 December 2021

Maegan Vazquez and Nikki Carvajal

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/21/politics/biden-trump-covid-vaccine-booster/index.html>

-- President Joe Biden on Tuesday gave credit to the Trump administration for the development of the COVID-19 vaccine and praised his predecessor, Donald Trump, for getting a booster shot -- marking a rare moment where the two men have found common ground since Inauguration Day.

Biden says he will run for re-election if he is 'in good health'

New York Post, 22 December 2021

Jesse O'Neill

<https://nypost.com/2021/12/22/biden-says-he-will-run-for-reelection-if-he-is-in-good-health/>

-- President Biden said he would run for re-election if he was "in good health" and that he believed "fate" would bring him a second term. Biden, 79, made the caveat in an interview with ABC News Wednesday, telling "World News Tonight" anchor David Muir he would welcome a rematch with former President Donald Trump. Biden also said a rematch against his 2020 rival would make him more likely to run.

President Biden Spending Christmas at the White House

U.S. News & World Report, 22 December 2021

Alexandra Jaffe, Associated Press

<https://www.usnews.com/news/politics/articles/2021-12-22/president-biden-spending-christmas-at-the-white-house>

-- Joe Biden will spend his first Christmas as president at the White House with family and is giving up his New Year's tradition of sun and St. Croix for the chill of Delaware this year, his spokesperson said Wednesday.

The Cruel Irony of Our Recent Presidential Choices

National Review, 21 December 2021

Dan McLaughlin

<https://www.nationalreview.com/corner/the-cruel-irony-of-our-recent-presidential-choices/>

-- The article outlines the weak qualification that several U.S. presidents have possessed (for example, Obama and Trump), and how governors aren't always good choices. Non traditional choices, Eisenhower, Grant, Lyndon Johnson, are considered by many as accomplished presidents. Electing guys who are just supposed to be good at one thing, and keep failing to accomplish it, isn't working.

Independence--final resting place for Truman and Wallace families

The Examiner, 20 December 2021

Sam Rushay, Truman Library

<https://www.examiner.net/story/opinion/2021/12/20/sam-rushay-independence-final-resting-place-truman-and-wallace-families/8939704002/>

-- A detailed account of where the former President's family members are buried. Including Woodlawn Cemetery (Independence, MO), Forest Hill Cemetery (Kansas City), Mount Moriah Cemetery (Kansas City), Mount Washington Cemetery (Independence), Elmwood Cemetery (Kansas City), and the courtyard of the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence.

Presidential visits to Alaska pick up post-statehood: From JFK campaigning to Obama in the Arctic

Anchorage Daily News, 19 December 2021

David Reamer

<https://www.adn.com/alaska-life/2021/12/19/presidential-visits-to-alaska-pick-up-post-statehood-from-jfk-campaigning-to-obama-in-the-arctic/>

-- Before statehood, only two sitting presidents had visited Alaska. Warren Harding toured several Alaska cities during his Voyage of Understanding in 1923--he died in San Francisco on his way back to Washington. Franklin D. Roosevelt inspected military bases at Adak and Kodiak while also managing to get in several hours of fishing. Eisenhower, who signed Alaska into statehood, was the first sitting president to visit the new state.

Will-or should-Kamala Harris become the Spiro Agnew of 2022?

The Hill, 18 December 2021

Douglas MacKinnon

<https://thehill.com/opinion/white-house/586034-will-or-should-kamala-harris-become-the-spiro-agnew-of-2022>

-- The last vice president of the United States to resign was Spiro Agnew in October 1973. Should Vice President Harris be the next? More and more Republicans hope that Harris remains on the ticket--especially as the candidate for president--a growing number of Democrats are publicly vocalizing their concerns about President Biden and Harris as viable candidates three years from now.

Athol writer pens 4th book on Coolidge

Daily Hampshire Gazette, 17 December 2021

Domenic Poli

<https://www.gazettenet.com/Greene-pens-4th-book-about-Calvin-Coolidge-44073038>

-- Author J.R. Greene uses the help of 100 items to tell the story of the man who graduated from Amherst College and went on to lead the nation. "Calvin Coolidge in 100 Objects" is about the former Northampton mayor and Massachusetts governor. It is Greene's 23rd book and his fourth pertaining to Coolidge. The 102-page book is filled with images of letters, fliers, pamphlets, photographs and other items associated with Coolidge's life and political career which Greene uses to describe the former president.

Bill Clinton hosts MasterClass in leadership based on decades in public service

News Channel21, ktvz.com, 17 December 2021

Veronica Stracqualursi, CNN

<https://ktvz.com/politics/cnn-us-politics/2021/12/17/bill-clinton-hosts-masterclass-in-leadership-based-on-decades-in-public-service/>

-- Former President Bill Clinton is teaching a MasterClass on "inclusive leadership," drawing on his long career in politics and eight years in the White House to teach participants how to negotiate, mediate and work with people they don't agree with. "This class is unlike anything I've ever done. I'll be teaching skills I developed and used in very challenging leadership positions," the 42nd President says in a trailer of the class, adding, "You'll learn how to work with people you don't agree with, may not even like, and how to mediate conflicts."

Trump Goes Full Anti-Semite, Unloads On American Jews In Wildly Bigoted Rant

Vanity Fair, 17 December 2021

Bess Levin

<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/12/donald-trump-anti-semitism-jews-israel>

-- The former president hit on nearly every anti-Jewish trope in the book, including the one about Jews supposedly controlling the media. In February 2017, responding to a question from the press, Trump responded, "I am the least anti-Semitic person you've ever seen in your entire life."

A Biden Revival? Possibly.

Bloomberg Opinion, 16 December 2021

Jonathan Bernstein

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-12-16/is-joe-biden-making-a-comeback-possibly>

-- Plenty of presidents have bounced back from first-year slumps. But the clock is ticking. According to the FiveThirtyEight estimate (based on adjusted averages of all public-opinion polls), he's up to 43.8% approval, which is 1.5 percentage points above his Dec. 2 low; his disapproval is at 50.6%, down from a 52.3% peak just before Thanksgiving. Obama, George W. Bush, Clinton, Reagan and Truman all dipped below where Biden is now at some point before being re-elected. Trump was always unpopular, George H.W. Bush and Jimmy Carter had excellent approval ratings throughout their first years in office, and all three were defeated for reelection.

Here are Barack Obama's top 13 book recommendations of 2021

CNBC make it, 16 December 2021

Megan Sauer

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/12/16/former-us-president-barack-obama-top-book-recommendations-of-2021.html>

-- The list includes, "The Lincoln Highway" by Amor Towles; "Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead; and "Beautiful Country" by Qian Julie Wang.

Jimmy Carter hailed as 'action' hero for stopping nuclear meltdown at 28

New York Post, 16 December 2021

Hannah Sparks

<https://nypost.com/2021/12/16/jimmy-carter-is-action-hero-for-stopping-nuclear-disaster/>

-- After graduating with distinction from the Naval Academy in 1942, Carter spent two years completing his service ship duty before signing on to the Submarine Force. He was sent to work for the US Atomic Energy Commission, where he served on temporary duty with the Naval Reactors Branch. Meanwhile, a few months later, an accidental power surge at Chalk River Laboratories in Ottawa caused fuel rods within a nuclear research reactor to rupture and melt--risking a full nuclear meltdown. Carter led a team who took turns descending into the core by rope to deconstruct the reactor bolt by bolt. They completed the task and shut down and rebuilt the reactor.

JFK researchers underwhelmed by latest release of assassination documents

CNN Politics, 15 December 2021

Katie Bo Lillis

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/15/politics/biden-administration-jfk-documents/index.html>

-- Frustrated JFK researchers say there is little new to learn in Wednesday's release of previously classified documents collected as part of the government review into the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The vast majority of the almost 1,500 documents released by the National Archives as new appear to be duplicates of previously released documents with only a few redacted words now revealed, often the name of a CIA case officer or the location of an overseas agency station that investigators had already pieced together. Some have no changes whatsoever. 10,000 more documents are due to be released in December 2022.

White House group's annual Christmas ornament honors LBJ

AP News, 13 December 2021

Darlene Superville

<https://apnews.com/article/lifestyle-holidays-christmas-luci-baines-johnson-c60889010842fdaf9ca1ece1fcbc0073>

-- The White House Historical Association's 2021 Christmas tree ornament, the 41st in the series, honors President Lyndon Johnson with its reproduction of a painting of the Blue Room tree the family had in December 1967. Johnson's daughter, Luci Banes Johnson, recalls December 1967 as a hectic time in her father's White house--her sister Lynda was about to get married at the White House, and her father was making a last minute trip to Australia, southeast Asia and Europe.

America's Gilded Age led by 'forgettable presidents' in post-Civil War era

The Virginia Gazette, 10 December 2021

Dr. Jonathan Stolz

<https://www.dailypress.com/virginiagazette/va-vg-presidents-gilded-age-1211-20211210-vjyb7vot5zfdjj7xca5isb3ipm-story.html>

-- During the last three decades of the 19th century, America changed socially, economically, and politically. This period, labeled the "Gilded Age" by Mark Twain, saw the nation transformed from an agrarian culture into an urban community that was largely controlled by industrial enterprises. The six commanders in chief from 1870 to 1896--Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Arthur, Harrison and Cleveland--have been branded by a number of authors as the "forgettable presidents." While frequently forgotten, the commanders in chief of the Gilded Age should not be entirely dismissed--they laid the foundation for the modern presidency that began in the early 20th century.

Joe Biden heads to late-night to fix what ails him

CNN politics, 10 December 2021

Chris Cillizza

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/10/politics/biden-jimmy-fallon-appearance/index.html>

-- For the first time as president, Joe Biden is set to appear on late night TV, with a guest appearance on Jimmy Fallon's "The Tonight Show." The appearance, the first of any sitting president on a late-night show since Barack Obama in 2016, comes as Biden finds himself beset on all sides by struggles.

Kellyanne Conway says Donald Trump contemplating 2024 run

Tribune Chronicle, 10 December 2021

David Skolnick

<https://www.tribtoday.com/news/local-news/2021/12/kellyanne-conway-says-donald-trump-contemplating-2024-run/>

-- Conway, Donald Trump's former campaign manager, said the ex-president is taking a serious look at running for the office in 2024. "He's so upset, as we all are, with the way (Biden and Harris) are running the country." She was speaking before delivering the keynote address at the Mahoning County Republican Party's Christmas dinner fundraiser (Warren, Ohio).

Bob Dole's final salute to George H.W. Bush part of senator's lasting legacy

FOX10 Phoenix, 9 December 2021

Kelly Hayes

<https://www.fox10phoenix.com/news/bob-doles-final-salute-to-george-h-w-bush-part-of-senators-lasting-legacy>

-- In 2018, Bob Dole arose from his wheelchair to salute the American flag-draped casket of George H.W. Bush--reaching past decades of fierce political rivalry to offer a touching final tribute from one World War II veteran to another. As an aide lifted him from his wheelchair, Dole steadies himself before Bush's casket in the Capitol Rotunda and saluted his on-time nemesis with his left hand, a necessity after he was hit by a shell fragment in Italy in 1945 and never regained use of his right hand. Dole, who died Sunday at age 98, is remembered as a politician who could be merciless with rivals. When Bush defeated him in the 1988 New Hampshire Republican primary, Dole famously snapped: "Stop lying about my record," a shocking statement for the time.

Fred Grandy portrays Harry Truman at Encore, and the show is remarkably timely and superb

Encore (Michigan), 9 December 2021

David Kiley

<https://www.encoremichigan.com/2021/12/fred-grandy-portrays-harry-truman-at-encore-and-the-show-is-remarkably-timely-and-superb/>

-- "Give Em Hell Harry" is a one-man show about Harry Truman performed by actor Fred Grandy at the Encore Musical Theatre. Grandy, famous for his role on "The Love Boat" series as well as leaving acting to become a four-term Republican Congressman from Iowa, is touring with the show that was first performed in the 1970s. Anyone who watches the news and keeps up with today's politics will find many of the passages in the script are as relevant as if they were written last week.

Kamala Harris Needs to Get Serious

Wall Street Journal, 9 December 2021

Peggy Noonan

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/kamala-harris-needs-to-get-serious-biden-administration-competency-approval-rating-polling-11639093358>

-- Her shaky standing is a danger to the country given the position she could be called to fill. Kamala Harris's poll numbers are worse than President Biden's. She has had an exodus of high-level staffers. The Washington Post had a sweeping, searing piece that described a "dysfunctional" and chaotic office full of bitter enemies.

Remarks by President Biden at a Congressional Tribute Ceremony for Senator Robert J. Dole

The White House, 9 December 2021

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/speeches-remarks/2021/12/09/remarks-by-president-biden-at-a-congressional-tribute-ceremony-for-senator-robert-j-dole/>

-- "We meet here in the very heart of American democracy, the Capitol of the United States of America, to receive a hero of that democracy for a final time: Robert Joseph Dole. He belongs here, in this place, in this temple of liberty--to liberty and to--temple to possibilities. Bob Dole loved this Capitol. It's where he served the nation, shaped by the figures that surround us: Washington and Jefferson, who set us on our path; Abraham Lincoln, another man who--from the Heartland of the country from whence he came; Bob's hero, Dwight David Eisenhower; Martin Luther King, Jr., whom Bob helped pass legislation honoring the great civil rights leader with a federal holiday--Bob stood up and got that done; Gerald Ford, who served here and with whom Bob sought the vice presidency of the United States.

Biden ran on bringing people together. He's failed so far

CNN Politics, 5 December 2021

Harry Enten

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/05/politics/biden-partisanship-analysis/index.html>

-- President Joe Biden ran on a campaign of bringing people together. But nearly a year into his administration, Biden has been overwhelmed by the long-term trend of polarization. He sports the lowest approval rating among the opposition party at this point in a presidency in at least 68 years, while having one of the highest approval ratings among his own party. Biden's approval rating with Republicans in the latest Gallup poll came in at just 6%.

Bob Dole, Old Soldier and Stalwart of the Senate, Dies at 98

The New York Times, 5 December 2021

Katharine Q. Seelye

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/12/05/us/politics/bob-dole-dead.html>

-- Dole was nominated for vice president in 1976 and then for president a full 20 years later, losing to Bill Clinton of Arkansas.

From 'Huckleberry Capone' to 'Turd Blossom': A History of White House Nicknames

Politico, 5 December 2021

Tevi Troy

<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/12/05/huckleberry-capone-turd-blossom-white-house-nicknames-523723>

-- As the Romans knew, a good nickname can capture the essence of the person. But in the White House, nicknaming can have another purpose: a way to undercut one's internal rivals. Indeed, nicknaming one's colleagues and supposed allies ultimately reveals more about the dubber than the dubbed.

Lincoln Broke the Constitution. Let's Finally Fix It.

Bloomberg Opinion, 5 December 2021

Noah Feldman

<https://www.bloomberg.com/opinion/articles/2021-12-05/abraham-lincoln-broke-the-u-s-constitution-let-s-finally-fix-it>

-- Americans need an honest narrative of their own racial history, but one that all embrace. Amending the story of the founding fathers is a great place to start. Honesty about slavery in the Constitution of 1787 means recognizing the constitution entailed a compromise between Northern and Southern Whites which allowed the international slave trade to continue into the 1800s.

NY National Guard general honors President Martin Van Buren

Defense Visual Information Distribution Service, 5 December 2021

Eric Durr, NY National Guard

<https://www.dvidshub.net/news/410472/ny-national-guard-general-honors-president-martin-van-buren>

-- The New York Army National Guard paid tribute to President Martin Van Buren, in Kinderhook, New York on Sunday Dec. 5, where he was born in 1782 and where he lived the latter part of his life before dying in 1862. Army Brigadier General Isabel Rivera Smith, the director of joint staff for the New York National Guard, and Sgt. Major Jeff Colling presented a wreath from President Joseph Biden at Van Buren's grave in Kinderhook Reformed Cemetery on the 239th anniversary of his birth. Each year, military officers place a wreath from the current occupant of the White House at the graves of deceased presidents on the anniversary of their birth.

White House Visitor Logs Show Just How Friendly Epstein and President Clinton Were

Daily Beast, 2 December 2021

Kana Ruhalter, Breaking News Intern

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/jeffrey-epstein-visited-president-bill-clinton-17-times-white-house-visitor-logs-show>

-- White House visitor logs obtained by the Daily Mail show that the late sexual predator Jeffrey Epstein stopped by at least 17 times during President Bill Clinton's tenure. Epstein's first visit was in February 1993, just after Clinton's inauguration, and his last recorded visit was in January 1995. Epstein, who hung himself in 2019 while in prison on sexual trafficking charges, was also known to fly the former president on the "Lolita Express," his private jet, after Clinton's White House days were over.

President's new copter hits setback: It's unreliable in a crisis

The Seattle Times, 23 November 2021

Tony Capaccio and Jennifer Jacobs

<https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/nation-politics/presidents-new-copter-hits-setback-its-unreliable-in-a-crisis/>

-- Joe Biden's first flight on the new presidential helicopter built by Lockheed Martin is being delayed after a report by the Pentagon's testing unit warned that it's not yet "operationally suitable" or sufficiently reliable—especially in an emergency.

The Ronald Reagan Guide to Joe Biden's Political Future

The New York Times, 23 November 2021

Jamelle Bouie

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/11/23/opinion/biden-reagan-approval.html>

-- As his first year in office comes to a close, an ambitious new president is on the decline. His legislative agenda has stalled in a fractious Congress. Voters are angry over inflation and other economic concerns, and he is struggling to find his footing on the world stage. What year is this? Not 2021, but 1981 and the president is Ronald Reagan. Hedrick Smith wrote in The New York Times Magazine in January 1982, "a lot of magic is gone and the politics of optimism has fallen on hard times." The more you read of Smith's description of Reagan's first year in office, the more familiar it sounds.

This is Where Oliver Stone Got His Loony JFK Conspiracies From

Rolling Stone, 22 November 2021

Tim Weiner

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-features/jfk-oliver-stone-conspiracy-theory-russian-disinformation-1260223/>

-- Oliver Stone once made brilliant movies like *Platoon*, which won Oscars for best picture and best director. These days, he's a tinfoil-hatted fabricator. His new documentary – *JFK Revisited: Through the Looking Glass*, premiering on Showtime on, you guessed it, Nov. 22—is rooted in a big lie. It is based on an undying delusion that President Kennedy was murdered by the Deep State: The CIA backed by the military-industrial complex. The tale can be traced to a Russian disinformation operation.

Joe Biden reportedly telling allies he will run for president again in 2024

The Guardian, 21 November 2021

Richard Luscombe

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2021/nov/21/joe-biden-2024-reportedly-telling-allies-running-for-president>

-- Amid sliding approval ratings, Biden is reported to be keen to dash any assumption in Democratic circles that he'll be standing down after a single term and opening the field to hopefuls including Vice-President Kamala Harris. According to the Washington Post, Biden shared his decision to run with a small group of donors during a fundraiser earlier this month.

Kamala Harris became the first woman to have control over US nuclear weapons, but only briefly

Business Insider, 19 November 2021

Ryan Pickrell

<https://www.businessinsider.com/vp-harris-will-become-first-woman-to-control-us-nukes-2021-11>

-- President Biden temporarily transferred his presidential authority to Vice President Harris on Friday as he underwent a routine colonoscopy. Harris became the first woman in US history to have power as commander-in-chief for the armed forces and control of the US nuclear arsenal. The transfer was for the period of time Biden was under anesthesia.

Democrats question whether Biden will actually run in 2024

The Hill, 18 November 2021

Hanna Trudo and Amie Parnes

<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/582071-democrats-question-whether-biden-will-actually-run-in-2024>

-- A number of Democrats are privately questioning whether President Biden will run for reelection amid anemic approval ratings and rising worries about next year's midterm elections. Biden insists that he will seek another term, and some see him as the best bet to defeat former President Trump if he runs again and becomes the GOP nominee.

Biden-Xi meeting yielded no major breakthroughs. But Beijing has already claimed victory

CNN World, 17 November 2021

Nectar Gan and Steve George

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/11/17/china/xi-biden-summit-beijing-victory-mic-intl-hnk/index.html>

-- The very fact US President Joe Biden and his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping are now talking is itself a significant breakthrough. US-China relations, which came to a near total breakdown during the final year of President Donald Trump's term, had descended into open hostility during more recent high-level bilateral meetings—including March's now infamous Alaska Summit, during which diplomats from both sides traded barbs.

Bill Clinton in Chicago for Clinton Foundation fundraiser

Chicago-Sun Times, 17 November 2021

Lynn Sweet

<https://chicago.suntimes.com/columnists/2021/11/17/22788627/bill-clinton-chicago-clinton-foundation-fundraiser>

-- The dinner was a fundraiser for the Clinton Foundation, with the attendees described by a source as "old friends getting together to support President Clinton and his foundation." The dinner was held at the home of Fred Eychaner, the philanthropist, Newsweb Corporation chair and major Democratic donor.

Poll: Voter's doubts rising about Biden's health, mental fitness

Politico, 17 November 2021

Marc Caputo

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/11/17/poll-biden-mental-fitness-job-approval-522785>

-- A new POLITICO/Morning Consult poll shows just 44 percent of voters approve of Biden's job performance, and 46 percent say he's "mentally fit." Only 40 percent of voters surveyed agreed with the statement that Biden "is in good health," while 50 percent disagreed.

Will Joe Biden Learn Jimmy Carter's Inflation Lesson?

RealClear Politics, 17 November 2021

Stephen Moore

https://www.realclearpolitics.com/articles/2021/11/17/will_joe_biden_learn_jimmy_carter_s_inflation_lesson_146754.html

-- In the 1980 presidential campaign, the Republican challenger, Ronald Reagan, said, "A recession is when your neighbor loses his job. A depression is when you lose yours. And recovery is when Jimmy Carter loses his." The Gipper turned out to be correct. The gale-force winds of rising inflation had knocked working-class people to the ground, with paychecks shrinking month after month. Reagan wound up winning a landslide victory, and Carter was bounced out of office. President Joe Biden doesn't seem to get that, if he doesn't get it soon, he may suffer the same fate as Carter.

Gerald Ford responded to an inflation crisis with a voluntary public campaign. It was a disaster.

The Washington Post, 16 November 2021

Ronald G. Shafer

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/history/2021/11/16/gerald-ford-whip-inflation-now/>

-- Ford's response was WIN, Whip Inflation Now, a program to combat rising prices in the mid-1970s with voluntary actions by U.S. consumers. Ford's top economic adviser, Alan Greenspan, later described the idea as "unbelievable stupidity." Ford described WIN as – To help increase food and lower prices, grow more and waste less. To help save scarce fuel in the energy crisis, drive less, heat less.

The busy, post-presidential, life of George H.W. Bush is now documented by the person who saw it up close

WFSU public media, 15 November 2021

Tom Flanigan

<https://news.wfsu.org/wfsu-local-news/2021-11-15/the-busy-post-presidential-life-of-h-w-bush-is-now-documented-by-the-person-who-saw-it-up-close>

-- President George H-W Bush's longtime chief of staff has now documented Bush's life after his term in the White House. She'll be in Tallahassee to discuss the process Tuesday, Nov. 16. Jean Becker's personal relationship with Bush spanned more than a quarter of a century. It was the post-presidency years, following Bush's loss to Bill Clinton in the 1992 election, that Becker writes about in her book, "The Man I Knew." It was a very busy time, as she recounts.

Is Joe Biden the second coming of Herbert Hoover?: Goodwin

New York Post, 13 November 2021

Michael Goodwin

<https://nypost.com/2021/11/13/is-joe-biden-the-2nd-coming-of-herbert-hoover/>

-- Soon after his election Biden grew infatuated with the fantasy that his social transformation plans would make him the new FDR. But less than a year later, the string of failures and growing doubts about his ability suggest a different presidential role model: Herbert Hoover. The GOP incumbent in 1932, Hoover was widely admired for his relief work in Europe after World War I but proved to be no match for the onslaught of the Great Depression. As the economy collapsed, voters rejected him in a landslide, handing Roosevelt victory in 42 of 48 states.

Opinion: Revived or comatose? Biden's presidency one year from now.

The Washington Post, 5 November 2021

George Will, Columnist

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/11/05/revived-or-comatose-bidens-presidency-one-year-now/>

-- A year from this week, the Biden presidency will be either revived or comatose. Revived, if Democrats avoid even the small election losses that would erase their tenuous control of the House or Senate. Comatose, if in January 2023 Republicans control either chamber. Whether this occurs will partly depend on how comfortable voters are with President Biden's promiscuous "you name it" approach to governance.

Trump beats Biden if 2024 presidential election was today: poll

Boston Herald, 5 November 2021

Joe Dwinell

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2021/11/05/trump-beats-biden-if-2024-presidential-race-was-here-today-poll/>

-- Jump ahead to 2024, and Joe Biden loses to Donald Trump by 2 points. That's according to a new Emerson College poll that shows a MAGA win 45-43—with some wiggle room for a third-party candidate.

Biden And Trump Both Lost This Week

The New Yorker, 4 November 2021

Susan B. Glasser

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/letter-from-bidens-washington/biden-and-trump-both-lost-this-week>

-- There's nothing else quite like this particular political ritual when, once every four years, Virginia and New Jersey hold the first major statewide contests following the Presidential election a year earlier—and everyone sifts through the results for important national implications, which may or may not exist. At least we can agree that this week's elections were a harbinger of Democrats losing the House and Senate in 2022, and the White House in 2024. Unless they mean nothing at all.

Christmas could come early for Joe Biden

The Hill, 4 November 2021

Liz Peek, Opinion Contributor

<https://thehill.com/opinion/finance/580075-christmas-could-come-early-for-joe-biden>

-- President Biden may soon receive some much-needed good news. The jobs report, due out Friday, will likely show strong employment gains for the month of October., giving the ailing White House a shot in the arm. After the drubbing Biden and his Democratic colleagues took on election night, they could use a booster shot, or two, or maybe even three.

How Joe Biden's approval rating plunged to a new low

The New Statesman (UK Edition), 4 November 2021

Aisha Majid

<https://www.newstatesman.com/chart-of-the-day/2021/11/how-joe-bidens-approval-rating-has-plunged-to-a-new-low>

-- The US president is far less popular than Barack Obama was at the same stage in his presidency. The president's approval rating stands at just 43 per cent according to the US website FiveThirtyEight, which aggregates data from all polls. The president's approval 288 days after taking office is significantly lower than that of his Democratic predecessors, Barack Obama and Bill Clinton at the same stage in their presidencies. According to FiveThirtyEight's analysis, Donald Trump and Gerald Ford were the only presidents since the Second World War with lower approval ratings than Biden at this point in their tenures. Neither went on to serve a second term.

Joe Biden Is Facing a Legal Avalanche Over His COVID Vaccine Mandate

Vanity Fair, 4 November 2021

Eric Lutz

<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/11/joe-biden-facing-legal-avalanche-over-covid-vaccine-mandate>

-- The president announced that his deadline for select American workers to get vaccinated is January 4. South Dakota Governor Kristi Noem, among others, is already in uproar. On Thursday, the administration said that it would require eligible employees to get their shots by January 4 or undergo frequent testing—a plan that will impact about a hundred million Americans, or two-thirds of the nation's workforce.

Former President Bush to headline Jefferson Educational Society Global Summit XIII

GoErie, 30 October 2021

A.J. Rao, Erie Times-News

<https://www.goerie.com/story/news/local/2021/10/30/president-george-w-bush-headline-global-summit-erie/8549852002/>

-- The Global Summit XIII, a two-week speaker series will begin Monday and run through November 12th. The summit will also feature a host of thoughtful leaders, scholars and writers exploring a range of topics from racial justice and political violence to the First Ladies and the American presidency.

'America Is Back,' Biden Declared in June. The World Is About to Test Him.

The New York Times, 29 October 2021

Katie Rogers and Jim Tankersley

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/29/us/politics/biden-summit.html>

-- When President Biden gathered with world leaders at an English seaside resort in June, it was a backslapping celebration of America's return to diplomatic stability after four years of public dressing-downs and impulsive policy withdrawals under President Donald J. Trump. In the tumultuous four months since, the president has found that not being Mr. Trump is not enough to accomplish his ambitions at home or abroad.

Biden is still acting like the 'senator from Obama'

The Week, 29 October 2021

Rick Henderson

<https://theweek.com/joe-biden/1006548/biden-is-still-acting-like-the-senator-from-obama>

-- President Biden won the 2020 election by making two pledges: not to be Donald Trump, and to return something approaching regular order to Washington politics. The 46th president checked the first box on Inauguration Day, but he has failed to tick the second for a curious reason: Despite a half-century of building expertise in the way Washington operates, Biden's legislative experience didn't prepare him to govern from the executive branch. He wasn't ready to make decisions and follow through to ensure his objectives were reached.

Biden, Pope Francis discuss climate change and global vaccine sharing

NPR, WAMU 88.5, 29 October 2021

Scott Neuman, Scott Detrow, Jaclyn Diaz

<https://www.npr.org/2021/10/29/1050396835/biden-meets-pope-francis-to-start-the-presidents-european-tour>

-- President Biden, a devout Catholic who has nonetheless found himself at odds with many faithful over his support of abortion rights, met Friday at the Vatican with Pope Francis, where the leaders discussed climate change, the coronavirus pandemic and global poverty. Among those accompanying the Bidens in the U.S. delegation are Secretary of State Anthony Blinken and National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan.

U.S. presidents have met with the pope since 1919. It all started with Woodrow Wilson

NPR, WAMU 88.5, 29 October 2021

Jaclyn Diaz

<https://www.npr.org/2021/10/29/1050332844/a-look-back-at-history-of-presidents-meeting-the-pope>

-- By late Friday morning, President Biden will have met with Pope Francis—marking the 31st time a president has met with the leader of the Catholic Church. The tradition that began with President Wilson wouldn't occur again for 40 years. In 1979, Pope Paul II became the first pope to visit the White House, when he visited then-President Jimmy Carter.

Andrew Jackson: Hero or villain?

OakRidger (Tennessee), 28 October 2021

<https://www.oakridger.com/story/lifestyle/features/2021/10/29/andrew-jackson-hero-villain/6136634001/>

-- Those who consider Jackson a hero will list accomplishments, such as, he served in both houses of Congress, was a justice on the Tennessee Supreme Court, he served as a general in the U.S. Army with victories in battles against the Creek and Seminole tribes, and his troops won the Battle of New Orleans in 1815. Since the 1970s two issues have made Jackson controversial: his attitudes and actions with respect to slavery and Indian removal.

Revenge of the Donald

The Atlantic, 28 October 2021

David Frum

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/10/trump-running-president-2024-election/620502/>

-- Nostalgia and resentment could be enough to catapult Trump back in the presidency. Losers don't usually get a second chance in modern U.S. presidential politics. Donald Trump, who upended so many previous presidential precedents, now seems likely to upend one more. Trump has to be considered the massive front-runner for the 2024 Republican nomination.

Obama decries GOP's 'meanness' while campaigning for McAuliffe in Va.

NBC News, 23 October 2021

Henry J. Gomez

<https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/elections/obama-decries-gop-s-meanness-while-campaigning-mcauliffe-va-n1282211>

-- Campaigning Saturday for Democrat Terry McAuliffe in Virginia's closely watched race for governor, former President Obama framed the Nov. 2 election as an opportunity to decisively reject the rhetoric and politics of another former president, Donald Trump. McAuliffe's opponent is Republican Glenn Youngkin.

Teddy Roosevelt, one of America's earliest Zionist presidents – opinion

The Jerusalem Post, 23 October 2021

Juda Waxelbaum

<https://www.jpost.com/opinion/teddy-roosevelt-one-of-americas-earliest-zionist-presidents-opinion-682894>

-- A New York City native, Roosevelt was very familiar with its Jewish neighborhoods and people. He cared deeply for this community, and carried that into his role as New York City Police commissioner. "It seems to me that it is entirely proper to start a Zionist state around Jerusalem," Roosevelt said in 1918, a decade after leaving the presidency and a year following the Balfour Declaration.

US to release more documents related to President Kennedy murder December 15

The Times of India, 23 October 2021

<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/world/us/us-to-release-more-documents-related-to-president-kennedy-murder-dec-15-white-house/articleshow/87220745.cms>

-- The US authorities are going to release part of the previously unpublished materials about the 1963 assassination of the 35th President John Kennedy on December 15, the White House has announced. The relevant memorandum was signed by President Joe Biden on Friday (local time) following the recommendations by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA).

Biden's support is fading as concerns over the economy and Covid grow, CNBC survey finds

CNBC, 21 October 2021

Steve Liesman

<https://www.cnbc.com/2021/10/21/bidens-support-fading-fast-as-cnbc-survey-finds-concerns-on-the-economy-covid-and-inflation.html>

-- Just 41% of the public approve of President Joe Biden's job performance, compared with 52% who disapprove, according to the CNBC All-America Economic Survey. Inflation now ties with the coronavirus as the biggest concern for Americans, up 16 points from the prior survey.

Former president Bill Clinton, home from the hospital, vows to keep going for a 'long, long time'

The Washington Post, 21 October 2021

Mariana Alfaro

https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/bill-clinton-hospital-infection/2021/10/21/cd4d89b6-326b-11ec-93e2-dba2c2c11851_story.html

-- Former president Bill Clinton said he was back home and on the road to recovery, the first time he has been on video since he was hospitalized last week for an infection of the bloodstream. "I'm really glad to be back home," Clinton, 75 said in a Wednesday night video as he stood in front of the Chappaqua, N.Y., woods. "I'm doing great, enjoying this beautiful fall weather."

Spray-painted Harry Truman mural on the Independence Square

The Examiner, 21 October 2021

Mike Genet

<https://www.examiner.net/story/news/local/2021/10/21/spray-painted-harry-truman-mural-independence-square/6116760001/>

-- A renowned graffiti artist and muralist completed a large, spray-painted mural of President Truman on the Independence Square this week. The commissioned mural, painted by the artist ARCY, is on the north side of the building housing Austin Conley's insurance business at 206 N. Liberty St. It depicts Truman with his head resting on his hand, along with his famous line, "The buck stops here."

Trump gave 5X the interviews Biden has – Reagan 2X despite being shot in lung

The New York Post, 21 October 2021

Steven Nelson

<https://nypost.com/2021/10/21/trump-gave-five-times-the-interviews-biden-has-at-this-point/>

-- President Biden has granted one-fifth as many interviews as Donald Trump, one-eighth as many as Barack Obama and half as many as a nearly assassinated Ronald Reagan did at this point in their presidencies, data shared with The Post reveal as reporters fume about limited access. The lack of interviews comes amid plummeting Biden approval figures following the chaotic US troop withdrawal from Afghanistan and a resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic—as inflation and a supply-side crisis hammer average Americans and Biden's legislative agenda stalls.

Trump's Family Business Is Under Yet Another Criminal Investigation

Vanity Fair, 20 October 2021

Bess Levin

<https://www.vanityfair.com/news/2021/10/donald-trump-trump-organization-westchester-criminal-investigation>

-- If you can't keep up with all the criminal probes facing the ex-president and his businesses, you're not alone. The New York Times reports that the Trump Organization, already under indictment by the office of Manhattan district attorney Cyrus Vance Jr., is now facing a separate criminal investigation being conducted by the district attorney's office in Westchester County, New York, which has subpoenaed records from the Trump National Golf Club.

New York City will exile Thomas Jefferson's statue from a prominent spot in city hall

NPR, WAMU 88.5, 19 October 2021

Bill Chappell

<https://www.npr.org/2021/10/19/1047258467/thomas-jefferson-statue-removal-new-york-city-council-chamber>

-- A Thomas Jefferson statue is on its way out of New York's City Council Chamber, after members of the Public Design Commission agreed to take the nation's third president and well-known slaveowner off of his pedestal. A final spot for the statue is yet to be determined. It was first placed in City Hall around 1834 and was displayed in several locations there before moving to the main chamber in 1915.

Ulysses S. Grant up for U.S. military promotion

the Intelligencer (Edwardsville), 19 October 2021

Shepard Price

<https://www.theintelligencer.com/news/article/Ulysses-S-Grant-up-for-U-S-military-promotion-16545236.php>

-- The former president, who called St. Louis home, is up for the highest rank. Missouri Congresspeople are attempting to get President Grant promoted in the military more than 150 years after his commanding the Union Army to victory in the Civil War. They have introduced legislation to promote Grant to the highest rank in the U.S. Army: General of the Armies, a rank so far only attained by George Washington and World War I chief John "Black Jack" Pershing, also a Missouri native.

Grand Rapids' Ford Museum reopens Monday

8WOODTV.com, 18 October 2021

Michael Oszust

<https://www.woodtv.com/news/grand-rapids/grand-rapids-ford-museum-reopens-monday/>

-- The Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum in Grand Rapids reopened its door to visitors Monday after being closed for weeks due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cassidy says he won't vote for Trump if he runs in 2024

The Hill, 17 October 2021

Mychael Schnell

<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/577140-cassidy-says-he-wont-vote-for-trump-if-he-runs-in-2024>

-- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-La) said he will not vote for former President Trump if he wages a bid for the presidency in 2024. Cassidy, during an interview with "Axios on HBO" that aired on Sunday, also double-downed on his prediction that Trump will not be the GOP nominee if he decides to run again in the next cycle.

Former President Bill Clinton released from the hospital

NPR, 17 October 2021

Deepa Shivaram

<https://www.npr.org/2021/10/17/1046873040/former-president-bill-clinton-released-from-hospital>

-- Clinton was receiving treatment for a "non-COVID-related infection." Clinton, 75, had been at the hospital since Tuesday. His fever and white blood cell count are normalized and he will return home to New York to finish his course of antibiotics. President Biden stated that the president is "doing fine. He really is. He's not in any serious condition."

Joe Biden's Nixon moment: A policy agenda that could change history—and the media yawns

Salon, 17 October 2021

Matthew Rozsa

<https://www.salon.com/2021/10/17/joe-bidens-nixon-moment-a-policy-agenda-that-could-change-history--and-the-media-yawns/>

-- Nixon pushed for a startlingly progressive agenda 50 years ago, but the Beltway press didn't even pretend to care. It's been 50 years since Richard Nixon (of all presidents) attempted to launch a "New American Revolution," one that could have saved millions of lives and perhaps prevented or forestalled the Republican Party's lurch to the far right.

Joe Biden Is Not Jimmy Carter, and This Is Not the 1970's

New York, Intelligencer, 16 October 2021

Ed Kilgore

<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/article/joe-biden-is-not-jimmy-carter.html>

-- There's a long-standing tradition among conservative pols and grabbers to compare every Democratic president to Jimmy Carter. It's hardly surprising: Carter was the first and last sitting Democratic president since the 19th century to lose a general election. The Jimmy Carter Redux game has returned with a vengeance in negative assessments of Joe Biden.

Will Trump try to become 47th President?

DailyJournal Online, 16 October 2021

David M. Shribman, former executive editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

https://dailyjournalonline.com/opinion/will-trump-try-to-become-47th-president/article_36078654-3005-5974-b2ac-03d32278b21b.html

-- The nomination is his for the taking. Not so the election.

Is a Democratic Wipeout Inevitable?

The Atlantic, 15 October 2021

Ronald Brownstein

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2021/10/curse-presidents-second-year-biden/620391/>

-- Even when the president's party passes historic legislation, voters don't seem to care. The article notes that after the 89th Congress completed a crusade started by Harry Truman almost two decades earlier, that created Medicare, the Voting Rights Act, and Head Start, Democrats lost 47 seats in the House and three in the Senate during the midterm election of 1966.

Biden Scales Back His Agenda in Hopes of Bringing Moderates Onboard

The New York Times, 11 October 2021

Jim Tankersley and Emily Cochrane

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/10/05/business/biden-agenda-congress-democrats.html>

-- The president has conceded that his \$3.5 trillion collection of spending programs and tax cuts will need to shrink substantially. The president acknowledged in private meetings on Monday and Tuesday with House Democrats that he was now negotiating a plan to spend no more than \$2.3 trillion, and possibly less, in a concession to two Democratic centrist holdouts, Senators Joe Manchin III of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona.

'The president's decline is alarming': Biden trapped in coronavirus malaise

POLITICO, 11 October 2021

Christopher Cadelago and Laura Barron-Lopez

<https://www.politico.com/news/2021/10/11/biden-coronavirus-pandemic-515764>

-- President Joe Biden's standing with Americans has plummeted, with his average rating plunging by nearly 15 points since late June. Democratic strategist Simon Rosenberg argued that Biden's steep drop-off can only be explained by the public's perception of his uneven handling of the pandemic and a belief he is not prioritizing it.

Biden approval rating drops to new low, Quinnipiac poll shows

FOX 8 News in The Morning, 7 October 2021

Alix Martichoux, Nexstar Media Wire

<https://fox8.com/news/biden-approval-rating-drops-to-new-low-quinnipiac-poll-shows/>

-- American's approval of President Joe Biden's job performance dropped to a new low in a Quinnipiac poll released Wednesday. Just 38% of Americans polled gave Biden a thumbs up, down from 42% three weeks ago. Fifty-three percent of people gave him a negative review. When broken down topic-by-topic, Biden doesn't fare much better. Only 25% approved of his handling of immigration, 39% approved of his handling of the economy and 37% approved of his job as Commander in Chief. His best score reported was on handling the coronavirus pandemic: 48% approval compared to 50% disapproval.

Laura Bush Says Granddaughter Cora Will Be Out of NICU 'Pretty Soon, I Hope': 'She's Doing Great'

People, 7 October 2021

Benjamin VanHoose

<https://people.com/parents/laura-bush-granddaughter-baby-cora-georgia-home-from-hospital-soon/>

-- Barbara Bush gave birth to her first baby, daughter Cora Georgia Coyne, on Sept. 27, six weeks earlier than her expected due date.

Some very good polling news for Donald Trump

CNN Politics, 7 October 2021

Lauren Dezenski

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/10/07/politics/trump-iowa-poll/index.html>

-- Among all-important Iowa voters, former President Donald Trump notched his highest favorability rating ever, according to the latest Des Moines Register/Mediacom Iowa Poll. 53% of Iowans now have a favorable view of Trump, 45% now have an unfavorable view of Trump, 2% are not sure how they fell.

Supreme Court Allows Barack Obama Library to Be Built, Despite Controversy

Newsweek, 6 October 2021

Darragh Roche

<https://www.newsweek.com/supreme-court-barack-obama-library-controversy-chicago-1636011>

-- The U.S. Supreme Court gave the go-ahead for former President Barack Obama's presidential center on Monday despite ongoing controversy about its location in Chicago's Jackson Park. This is the second time the court has denied an application for an injunction against the Obama Presidential Center, which will be overseen by the non-profit Obama Foundation.

Biden Struggles to Unite His Own Party Behind His Economic Agenda

The New York Times, Updated 5 October 2021

Jim Tankersley

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/29/business/economy/biden-agenda-sinema-manchin.html?login=email&auth=login-email>

-- President Biden and his aides mounted an all-out effort on Wednesday to salvage his economic agenda in Congress, attempting to forge even the beginnings of a compromise between moderates and progressives on a pair of bills that would spend trillions to rebuild infrastructure, expand access to education, fight climate change and more.

Several early U.S. presidents challenged by, or killed by, cholera

The Virginia Gazette, 1 October 2021

Dr. Jonathan L. Stolz

<https://www.dailypress.com/virginiagazette/opinion/va-vg-ed-oped-presidents-cholera-1002-20211001-glkszpbmihncqdkskemlklhffa-story.html>

-- Five 19th century U.S. presidents were confronted by devastating cholera epidemics. Unlike Joe Biden and Donald Trump's endeavors with the coronavirus, these early chief executives did not have the scientific resources to grapple with the cholera contagion. In the book, "The Cholera Years," author Charles Rosenberg writes, "Yellow fever and smallpox were no longer truly national problems. Cholera, on the other hand, appeared in almost every part of the country in the course of the 19th century."

How you can wish President Jimmy Carter a happy 97th birthday

WTOC11, 30 September 2021

Debra Dolan

<https://www.wtoc.com/2021/09/30/how-you-can-wish-president-jimmy-carter-happy-97th-birthday/>

-- Former President Jimmy Carter is celebrating his 97th birthday on Friday, further extending his mark as the oldest person to have ever once served in the office. Carter was the 39th President of the United States and was later awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002 for his humanitarian efforts. He and Rosalynn Carter founded the Carter Center in 1982 as an organization to help advance peace and health in countries around the world. The Carters celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary in July, extending what is already the longest marriage of any presidential couple.

President Biden to attend memorial of former Indiana first lady Susan Bayh

13 WTHR (NBC), 29 September 2021

<https://www.wthr.com/article/news/local/president-biden-indiana-first-lady-susan-bayh-washington-dc-memorial/531-d578d2ed-ea6c-4eeb-b35c-a62ee0b3fc2a>

-- The memorial of former Indiana first lady Susan Bayh begins Wednesday, September 29 at noon ET at the Washington National Cathedral. Susan Bayh was Indiana's first lady for eight years after her husband, Democrat Evan Bayh, won election to the first two terms as governor in 1988.

Joe Biden faces defining moment in US presidency

Aljazeera, 28 September 2021

William Roberts

<https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2021/9/28/biden-faces-defining-moment-in-presidency>

-- With Biden's job approval sliding, the US president needs a win in Congress where Democrats are divided on his agenda. Nine months into his presidency, Joe Biden is in political trouble. "He's had a bad run between issues on the border, the way the pandemic is beginning to shape up, and Afghanistan," said Keith Whittington, a professor of politics at Princeton University.

Obama Breaks Ground on Presidential Center in Chicago After Lengthy Discord

The New York Times, 28 September 2021

Neil Vigdor

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/28/us/obama-presidential-center-chicago.html>

-- More than four years after leaving office, Barack Obama broke ground on Tuesday on his presidential center on the south Side of Chicago, a legacy project that has been bogged down by a lengthy discord over its use of a public park and its potential impact on a historically neglected part of the city.

Trump May Not Have to Steal 2024

The Atlantic, 28 September 2021

David Frum

<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/09/five-challenges-could-trigger-trump-comeback/620221/>

-- The former president could still win fair and square if Biden lets these five problems spiral: COVID-19 Hangover, Prices, Borders, Globalization Bites Back, Crime Culture.

'The Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge' Review: Quiet, Modest, Memorable

The Wall Street Journal, 24 September 2021

Barton Swaim

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-autobiography-of-calvin-coolidge-review-quiet-modest-memorable-11632494243>

-- Coolidge's character was a contrast to Jazz Age ebullience. Unlike many presidential autobiographies, "The Autobiography of Calvin Coolidge" is a wonderful counterpoint to the modern presidential memoir. The book, originally published in 1929, is now issued in a handsome paperback edition that includes three afterwards and an appendix of speeches by the 30th president; the autobiography itself concludes on page 158.

Former President George W. Bush to hold fundraiser next month for Liz Cheney

CNN Politics, 22 September 2021

Melanie Zanona and Veronica Stracqualursi

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/09/22/politics/george-bush-liz-cheney-fundraiser/index.html>

-- Former President George W. Bush will hold a fundraising event for Wyoming GOP Rep. Liz Cheney, according to a source familiar with the event, putting him in direct opposition with the efforts of former President Donald Trump.

Joe Biden and Donald Trump Have an Eerily Similar Border Policy

Washington Monthly, 16 September 2021

James North

<https://washingtonmonthly.com/2021/09/16/joe-biden-and-donald-trump-have-an-eerily-similar-border-policy/>

-- A frightening new report reveals how the U.S. keeps sending legitimate asylum seekers into harm's way. Despite making noise to the contrary, the Biden administration's policy at the southern U.S. border looks more and more like Donald Trump Phase 2. A new study by Human Rights First (HRF), an advocacy group based in New York and Washington, D.C., found that there have been more than 6,000 reported kidnappings and violent attacks against asylum seekers after the U.S. sent them back to Mexico—all in the seven months since Joe Biden became president.

Top Joe Biden fundraiser is rewarded with UK envoy Role: US President will appoint America's first female ambassador to Britain in 45 years

Daily Mail, 16 September 2021

Andrew Pierce

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-9987295/US-President-appoint-Americas-female-ambassador-Britain-45-years.html>

-- Jane Hartley, 71, is a former ambassador to France and Democratic fundraiser. She is set to arrive at the Court of St James's within weeks to take up her post. Anne Armstrong was the first woman US Ambassador to the UK, appointed in 1976 by President Gerald Ford.

Pope Francis Is Not a Fan of the Conservative Effort to Deny Communion to Joe Biden

New York Magazine, 15 September 2021

Ed Kilgore

<https://nymag.com/intelligencer/2021/09/pope-francis-not-a-fan-of-denying-communion-to-joe-biden.html>

-- Pope Francis has let it be known indirectly through his Vatican agents that he is not happy with the efforts of conservative U.S. bishops to deny communion to pro-choice politicians, including, of course, the Catholic president, Joe Biden.

Why Are U.S. Jews Still Calling Jimmy Carter an Antisemite?

Haaretz, 15 September 2021

Kai Bird

<https://www.haaretz.com/us-news/.premium-why-is-jimmy-carter-still-called-an-antisemite-1.10209433>

-- The American Jewish establishment, which has wrongly and perniciously attacked Jimmy Carter as an intransigent foe of Israel and even a Jew-hater, needs to start apologizing. Call it atonement.

Biden outpacing predecessors with ambassadorships for donors, political supporters

Fox News, 13 September 2021

Fred Lucas

<https://www.foxnews.com/politics/biden-ambassadorships-donors-political-supporters>
-- Majority of ambassadors being political appointees is rare. Announcing his run for president in May 2019, candidate Joe Biden asserted, “Our Constitution doesn’t begin with the phrase, ‘We the Democrats’ or ‘We the Republicans,’ and it certainly doesn’t begin with the phrase , ‘We the Donors.’”

Biden and Bush Urge Unity as Nation Remembers Sept. 11

The New York Times, 11 September 2021

Katie Rogers

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/11/us/politics/biden-9-11.html>
-- “On America’s day of trial and grief, I saw millions of people instinctively grab for a neighbor’s hand and rally to the cause of one another,” former President George W. Bush said from the United Flight 93 memorial outside Shanksville, Pa. “That is the America I know.”

Biden Mandates Vaccines for Workers, Saying, ‘Our Patience Is Wearing Thin’

The New York Times, 9 September 2021

Katie Rogers and Sheryl Gay Stolberg

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/09/us/politics/biden-mandates-vaccines.html>
-- President Biden on Thursday used the full force of his presidency to push two-thirds of American workers to be vaccinated against the coronavirus, reaching into the private sector to mandate that all companies with more than 100 workers require vaccination or weekly testing.

How Delta Beat Biden

The Atlantic, 8 September 2021

Peter Nicholas

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2021/09/how-delta-beat-biden-covid-pandemic/620003/>
-- The new administration promised competency and efficiency, but is has struggled all year with consistent pandemic messaging.

The middle turns on Biden

The Washington Post, 3 September 2021

Aaron Blake

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/09/03/middle-turns-biden/>
-- For the first time in either his presidency or the 2020 campaign, Biden suddenly finds middle-of-the-road Americans turning against him. And it has driven his approval ratings underwater for the first time. A Washington Post-ABC News poll now show a majority – 51 percent – of America adults now disapprove of his job performance, while 44 percent approve.

Reagan's Tax Cut Just Turned 40 – And It's Still The Most Important Tax Reform Since World War II

Forbes, 3 September 2021

Joseph Thorndike, Contributor

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/taxnotes/2021/09/03/reagans-tax-cut-just-turned-40---and-its-still-the-most-important-tax-reform-since-world-war-ii/?sh=5068d9bc5d14>

-- Ronald Reagan made tax cuts the centerpiece of his 1980 presidential campaign, and after winning the election, he made good on his promise. The Economic Recovery Tax Act (ERTA), was the biggest tax cut in American history, and reshaped the federal tax system for decades to come.

The Afghan Fiasco Will Stick to Biden

The Wall Street Journal, 2 September 2021

Peggy Noonan

<https://www.wsj.com/articles/afghanistan-withdrawal-fiasco-biden-mcchrystal-gates-holbrooke-obama-military-taliban-11630612285>

-- It hit at his reputational core. He no longer comes across as empathetic, much less serious. August changed things; it wasn't just a bad month. It left a lingering, still head-shaking sense of "This isn't how we do things."

How Jimmy Carter Started America's Afghanistan Folly

Washington Monthly, 1 September 2021

Kai Bird

<https://washingtonmonthly.com/2021/09/01/how-jimmy-carter-started-americas-afghanistan-folly/>

-- Some forgotten history goes a long way toward explaining our longest war. The United States first intervened in Afghanistan in the summer of 1979—six full months before the Soviet Union's land invasion—when Carter was president.

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