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## BIDEN'S AMERICA; THE RESURRECTION

Biden's recent inauguration calls for multiple prevalent change. Summarizing Biden's general plan of action as well as his propositions toward combatting COVID-19.

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NEWSPAPER WILL BE YOUR  
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# 46th president of the United States of America; Joe Biden

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## Biden's America; The Resurrection

January 20, 2021 marks the entrance of the 46th president of the United States of America; Joseph Robinette Biden Jr. Born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Biden and his family moved to Claymont, Delaware in 1953, to which he considers home now. Profoundly interested in political science, Biden received a law degree at Syracuse University. Always standing up for the smaller person, he used his degree to launch various campaigns in order to terminate the divide driven by disparities. At age 29 he became one of the youngest people ever elected to the United States Senate in 1972. President-elect Biden has worked alongside various people, including his eight year run with previous President Obama. A strong family and country man, Joe Biden is the new face of the United States.





# BIDEN'S PLAN

**As 2020 comes to an end, the governmental administration is put up to quite the diverse frontline of complications; a proliferating virus, families being separated at the borders, broken international alliances, increased carbon emissions, and many more. 2021 starts the next four years of the presidency led by Joe Biden, and he wastes no time in taking action to rebuild the American society and economy.**

As Franco Ordonrd, Ayesha Rascoe, and Barbara Sprunt state in an article titled What Did Biden Do On His 1st Day As President, “there would be... actions signed, focused on addressing the COVID-19 crisis, racial justice and climate change.” With such deep knowledge of civil service and public life after years of working alongside the senate, Biden centers his reform on “creat[ing] new economic opportunities for workers, restor[ing] environmental protections and healthcare rights, and international alliances” (BBC). Let us take a look at the president-elect’s plan on some major key complications.



# 1. REUNITING WITH THE WHO ORGANIZATION;

The World Health Organization (one of the most essential bodies throughout the pandemic). The WHO is able to provide member states with appropriate advice based on scientific evidence and allows for member states to cooperate with others on global issues in an efficient way (Youde). During his candidacy, President Donald Trump had pulled out of the World Health Organization and claimed that the People's Republic of China was influencing the WHO "to mislead the world when the virus had first come out" (Picheta). One of the first executive orders Biden had signed was to reverse Trump's order, and to rejoin the WHO immediately. But why is rejoining the WHO so important? By doing so "[the] U.S. funding will help the agency balance its budget, fulfill its commitments to boost public health, and protect Americans from new strains of COVID-19 and future disease threats" (Weintraub). Global health experts are hoping that rejoining will also possibly convince the United States to sign COVAX, which essentially helps to administer the vaccine to those in the lower-middle income countries.



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## 2. REJOINING THE PARIS TREATMENT

In general, the Paris Climate Agreement was put into place to create a global framework to “avoid dangerous climate change by limiting global warming to well below 2°C and pursuing efforts to limit it to 1.5°C” (European Union). Dr. M. Sanjayan, a chief executive of an environmental advocacy group titled Conservation International, explains the very minimal time left to make a change with environmental issues. He states that “President Biden's action today is certainly a step in the right direction.” Becoming a member of the Paris Climate Agreement is crucial for the U.S. knowing that it is the second highest carbon emitter in the world. Biden has “ensure[d] [that] the U.S. [shall] achieve a 100% clean energy economy and the net-zero emissions no later than 2050” (Podesta). The plan itself clarifies that “Biden’s orders will also require government agencies to consider revising vehicle fuel efficiency standards and methane emission curbs, and to study the possibility of re-expanding the boundaries of wilderness national monuments that had been reduced in size by the Trump administration” (Volcovici). By building a strong set of frameworks and using efficient funding means, Biden should be able to curb the usage of excessive fossil fuels

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# 3. REVISTING THE LEGAL GUIDELINES OF THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM

The United States immigration system and guidelines have been under debate for many years. The system itself is broken in many ways. This includes the fact that immigrants are normally not allowed to apply for permanent residency by themselves, immigration offices don't move effectively, illegal immigrants cannot reapply to return legally, and many more (Bier). Upon the arrival of his presidency, Biden plans on creating a task force to help bring together disunited families at the U.S. and Mexican borders that were separated by the Trump administration (Hesson). Continuing on, Biden plans on revisiting the legal guidelines of the system and removing the various obstructions that were put into place with the previous frameworks. One regulation in specific includes removing Trump's "public charge" rule, which made it difficult for lower income immigrants to be able to gain residency in the country. Biden's administration plans on "send[ing] [a] bill to Congress 'for legislative immigration reform that will modernize our immigration system and give nearly 11 million undocumented immigrants a roadmap to citizenship'" (Erikson). Targeting the root cause of migration, Biden and his team are working on undoing Trump's asylum restrictions as well.

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## 4. ENDING THE "MUSLIM BAN";

Put into place in 2017, the “Muslim Ban” was an order that banned the travel from many Muslim countries all around the world. This equated to the many people that were trying to reunite with family, escape the violence in their own country, e.t.c. to not be allowed to continue on with doing so in the United States. Within the first few days upon entering office, Biden has rescinded the ban. Biden himself states “these Executive Orders and Proclamations have undermined our national security. They have jeopardized our global network of alliances and partnerships and are a moral blight that has dulled the power of our example the world over. And they have separated loved ones, inflicting pain that will ripple for years to come. They are just plain wrong.” With the removal of the ban, the resuming of visa applications and getting detailed research to reconsider those who were prejudiced previously was ordered.

## 5. ENDING THE MILITARY TRANSGENDER BAN;

Another executive order that was put into place was the repeal of president Trump’s ban on allowing transgender people to serve in the U.S. military. The executive order has allowed for transgender people to work alongside the U.S. forces without worry of being forced out. The order also migrates away from a plan set under Donald Trump that “erased protections for transgender people in health care, federal employment, homeless shelters and other areas” (Ryan). Biden had signed an order that “aimed at expanding anti-discrimination protections to LGBTQ Americans, directing all federal agencies to review existing regulations and policies that prohibit sex discrimination and to revise them as necessary to clarify that “sex” includes sexual orientation and gender identity” (Ryan).

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# BIDEN'S PLAN TO COMBAT COVID

An unfamiliar strain of what is widely known as the coronavirus was first detected in December 2019 in Wuhan, China marking the start of a global pandemic.

Marking more than a year of the first virus case in the U.S., what is allowing SARS-CoV-2 to remain a global threat? The American people require an urgent and professional response to the rapid public health and economic crisis, one that is driven by science and public health - not politics. What is Biden's plan to combat the coronavirus and overall prepare for future health threats?

Biden's plan of action incorporates:

1. Rebuilding trust within the nation and among the American people.
2. Initiating a safe and effective vaccination campaign that protects frontline workers, saves lives, and overall limits the spread of the coronavirus.
3. Eliminating various cost barriers for the prevention and solicitude for COVID-19.
4. Expanding emergency care and exercising the Defense production act.
5. Safely reopen the economy and ease travel while protecting workers.
6. Protect high risk individuals and build preparedness for future global threats.



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## REBUILDING TRUST WITHIN THE NATION AND AMONG THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

Scientists and public health leaders should be the true source for the public to access scientifically accurate information regarding the virus. Biden aims to put scientists/public health leaders in communication with the American people to provide transparency and deliver accurate public health updates. Experts from Disease Control and Prevention will develop science-based briefings to constantly update the American people.

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## INITIATING A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) will work with labs and manufacturers to ensure rapid production, quality control, and technical assistance. COVID-19 tests will be in millions, not thousands. The government plans. The government will spare no effort or funding to ensure Americans get vaccinated equitably. The federal government plans on enforcing an "aggressive vaccine strategy" in an attempt to conceal the spread of the virus.

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## ELIMINATING VARIOUS COST BARRIERS FOR THE PREVENTION AND SOLICITUDE FOR COVID-19.

Biden plans on administering an emergency leave plan for sick individuals/high risk individuals that intends to cover 100% of weekly salaries or average weekly earnings capped at \$1,400 a week. This will aim to provide free testing to anyone who requires it and relief of federal student loans, not limited to granting loans to small businesses who are facing issues related to COVID-19.

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## EXPANDING EMERGENCY CARE AND EXERCISING THE DEFENSE PRODUCTION ACT.

To make vaccines, the President has expanded manufacturing of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Biden has directed the use of all available legal authorities, preceding to instruct departments and agencies to expand the availability of critical supplies. The federal government will focus on a near term goal of vaccine development and manufacturing, as well as improving the distribution and expansion of accessibility.



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## SAFELY REOPEN THE ECONOMY AND EASE TRAVEL WHILE PROTECTING WORKERS.

The mass reopening of schools, businesses, and travel will require clear guidance and protocols in order to provide protection. To maintain safe operations during the pandemic, businesses need to know how to change their practices to protect employees and customers. Providing people with safe travel will contribute to jumpstarting the economy and will ensure safety among others. In order to maximize safety, the President issued an executive order that requires mask-wearing on certain public modes of transportation and at ports of entry to the United States.

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## BUILD PREPAREDNESS FOR FUTURE GLOBAL TREATS.

The President issued an Executive Order, establishing a high-level task force to address COVID-19 related health and social inequities. Equitable access to critical COVID-19 PPE, tests, therapies and vaccines will provide easy access for high risk individuals. The CDC will work with states and localities to update their pandemic plans. Finally, prioritizing diverse and inclusive representation in clinical research and the federal government will increase access to effective COVID-19 care and treatment.



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# EDITOR'S NOTE

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Dear Readers,

After 2020 brought about a harsh reality for everyone, many of our youth became interested in engaging with various issues taking place all over the world. It was this very peak of interest that ultimately resulted in The People's Pulse; we are pleased to introduce this newspaper as our newest means of providing a platform for those who need their stories to be shared. We are excited to work alongside Harvard University's Panel to the People, and will continue to work towards facilitating growth amongst one another.

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