

Biden and Black Voters: How It Started Vs. How It's Going



Since President Joe Biden isn't willing to take a victory lap and talk about his Administration's progress on Black voters, a popular narrative persists that President Biden and Democrats haven't made progress for Black voters. Here's a quick recap of President Biden's progress on Black voter issues and how things were at the start of the Biden Administration.

HOW IT STARTED:



HOW IT'S GOING:

Biden Approval 2021:	Biden Approval Today:
In June, 86% of Black voters approved of Biden's job performance	77% of Black voters approve of Biden's job performance
In 2021, 43% of Black people felt taken for granted by Democrats	In 2022, 52% of Black people feel taken for granted by Democrats
COVID-19 Recovery 2021:	COVID-19 Recovery Today:
Black Americans were 37% more likely to die than White Americans	The racial gap in COVID-19 deaths is virtually eliminated
The ratio of Black Americans vaccinated as compared to White Americans was 2:3	That ratio has narrowed to 5:6, with 71% of Black Americans reported receiving the vaccine
Economic Recovery 2021:	Economic Recovery Today:
13% of Black voters faced eviction or foreclosure	The Child Tax Credit helped reduce Black child poverty by more than 20%
23% of Black voters skipped or were late on mortgage/rent	\$45.6 billion in emergency rental assistance/ eviction moratorium
37% of Black voters skipped or missed a bill payment	Student loan pause for Black American borrowers who are the 2nd-most likely to have monthly \$350 or more monthly payments. Extended unemployment benefits Stimulus checks

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Racial Justice 2020:	Racial Justice Today:
 BlackLivesMatter was designated a terrorist organization by DOJ	 DOJ designates Proud Boys a terrorist organization Oath Keepers charged with seditious conspiracy
 Lead in drinking water, contaminated pipes in every state	 \$24 billion allocated to update water systems infrastructure and eliminate lead exposure
 Millions of young people and people of color protested George Floyd's killing, demanding reform	 DOJ banned no-knock warrants and choke holds for federal police Revival of consent decrees to reform police departments
 Voter suppression and election subversion laws passed in GA, TX	 DOJ sued GA, TX for discriminatory laws
Student Loan Debt 2020:	Student Loan Debt Today:
 Black college graduates have \$23,400 in student loan debt on average	 In 2021 a moratorium was enacted so nobody has had to pay federal student loans since Biden was elected AND \$2.7B was invested into HBCUs <small>https://www.brookings.edu/research/black-white-disparity-in-student-loan-debt-more-than-triples-after-graduation/ https://twitter.com/phil_lewis_/status/1500903315491770375?s=10</small>

Biden Administration should make 2 adjustments:

- 1.** Governing adjustment: make Black lives better by connecting them directly to the progress, resources, and interventions made available by President Biden's Administration.
- 2.** Messaging adjustment: explain how President Biden is making Black lives better, not by listing successes but by directly showing how the new resources made a material difference for Black communities.