

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:
<p>BlackLivesMatter was designated a terrorist organization by DOJ</p>	<p>DOJ designates Proud Boys a terrorist organization</p> <p>Oath Keepers charged with seditious conspiracy</p>
<p>Lead in drinking water, contaminated pipes in every state</p>	<p>\$24 billion allocated to update water systems infrastructure and eliminate lead exposure</p>
<p>Millions of young people and people of color protested George Floyd's killing, demanding reform</p>	<p>DOJ banned no-knock warrants and choke holds for federal police</p> <p>Revival of consent decrees to reform police departments</p>
<p>Voter suppression and election subversion laws passed in GA, TX</p>	<p>DOJ sued GA, TX for discriminatory laws</p>
Student Loan Debt 2020:	Student Loan Debt Today:
<p>Black college graduates have \$23,400 in student loan debt on average</p>	<p>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</p> <p><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></p>

Biden Administration should make 2 adjustments:

- Governing adjustment: make Black lives better by connecting them directly to the progress, resources, and interventions made available by President Biden's Administration.
- 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.