

Hillary Scholten's campaign is bankrolled by the same Washington politicians who voted to give away millions in taxpayer dollars that went to golf courses, ski slopes, and a luxury hotel. Now, working-class families are paying the price with historic inflation.

BACKUP:

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Editor's Note: Additional contributions to Scholten from Members of Congress and their leadership PACs are available [here](#).

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- **The American Rescue Plan "wasted billions of taxpayer dollars."** "Today, the House Budget Committee held a hearing on the Democrats' \$2 trillion American Rescue Plan Act which further exposed how that law ignited inflation, reduced real wages, and wasted billions of taxpayer dollars." (Budget House Republicans, "House Budget Committee Hearing Exposes How American Rescue Plan Ignited Inflation, Reduced Real Wages, and Wasted Billions," [Press Release](#), 6/14/22)
- **Hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of federal coronavirus relief money was spent on projects that have "little to do with combating the pandemic."** "Thanks to a sudden \$140 million cash infusion, officials in Broward County, Florida, recently broke ground on a high-end hotel that will have views of the Atlantic Ocean and an 11,000-square-foot spa. In New York, Dutchess County pledged \$12 million for renovations of a minor league baseball stadium to meet requirements the New York Yankees set for their farm teams. And in Massachusetts, lawmakers delivered \$5 million to pay off debts of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, a nonprofit established to honor the late senator that has struggled financially. The three distinctly different outlays have one thing

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- **“An Associated Press review finds state and local governments have spent nearly \$1 billion worth of federal coronavirus aid on projects that have little to do with combating the pandemic.”** (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)
 - **The federal coronavirus relief funds came from the American Rescue Plan.** “The expenditures amount to a fraction of the \$350 billion made available through last year’s American Rescue Plan to help state and local governments weather the crisis.” (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)
- **More than \$6 million was allocated to replace irrigation systems at two golf courses in Colorado Springs.** (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)

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- **Palm Beach Gardens, Florida “is building a new golf course” with the money they received from the American Rescue Plan.** “Palm Beach Gardens, Florida – in Palm Beach County, home to 160 golf courses – is building a new golf course. These are among the thousands of ways cities and counties have started spending the first tranche of covid relief money from the American Rescue Plan Act passed by Congress in March. That economic rescue package provides \$130 billion to cities and counties – with few restrictions on how the money can be spent. For many, it was their first economic relief directly received from the federal government.” (Phil Galewitz, “From Sewers to Golf Courses, Cities See Green With New Federal Covid Relief Dollars,” [KHN](#), 10/8/21)
- **An Iowa county acquired a privately owned ski resort.** “The Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors announced Tuesday it has acquired the Mt. Crescent Ski area, previously privately owned by Korby and Samantha Fleischer. The Fleischers will continue to manage the facility as a ski resort through the 2022 ski season. Pottawattamie County will take full control in the summer of 2022.” (“Pottawattamie County buys Mt. Crescent Ski area for \$3.5 million,” [KETV](#), 1/4/22)

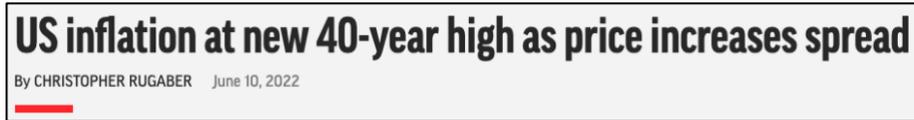
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- **Officials in Florida used \$140 million in American Rescue Plan funding to help construct a “high-end hotel” that will have ocean views and an 11,000-square-foot spa.** “Thanks to a sudden \$140 million cash infusion, officials in Broward County, Florida, recently broke ground on a high-end hotel that will have views of the Atlantic Ocean and an 11,000-square-foot spa. In New York, Dutchess County pledged \$12 million for renovations of a minor league baseball stadium to meet requirements the New York Yankees set for their farm teams. And in Massachusetts, lawmakers delivered \$5 million to pay off debts of the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate in Boston, a nonprofit established to honor the late senator that has struggled financially. The three distinctly different outlays have one thing in common: Each is among the scores of projects that state and local governments across the United States are funding with federal coronavirus relief money despite having little to do with combating the pandemic, a review by The Associated Press has found.” (Brian Slodysko, “Pandemic relief money spent on hotel, ballpark, ski slopes,” [The Associated Press](#), 3/23/22)

The American Rescue plan exacerbated inflation, causing it to reach its highest point in four decades:

Editor’s Note: To see most recent inflation numbers, please see the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics [monthly data](#).

- **As of June 2022, inflation reached an annual rate of 9.1%, the highest rate of inflation since 1981.** “Shoppers paid sharply higher prices for a variety of goods in June as inflation kept its hold on a slowing U.S. economy, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported Wednesday. The consumer price index, a broad measure of everyday goods and services related to the cost of living, soared 9.1% from a year ago, above the 8.8% Dow Jones estimate. That marked the fastest pace for inflation going back to November 1981.” (Jeff Cox, “Inflation rose 9.1% in June, even more than expected, as consumer pressures intensify,” [CNBC](#), 7/13/22)

- **HEADLINE from *The Associated Press*: “US inflation at new 40-year high as price increases spread”** (Christopher Rugaber, “US inflation at new 40-year high as price increases spread,” [The Associated Press](#), 6/10/22)

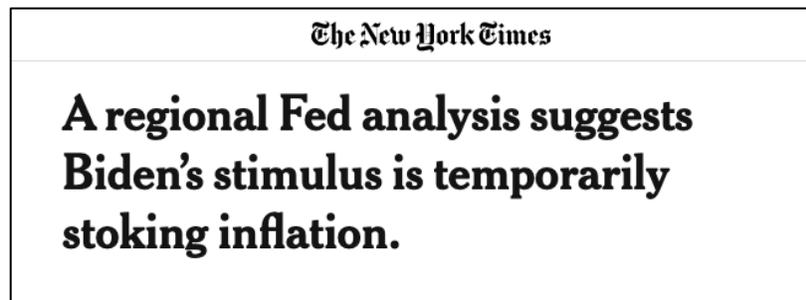


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- **According to a regional Federal Reserve Bank analysis, the American Rescue Plan boosted inflation.** “Inflation is likely getting a temporary boost from the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package that the Biden administration ushered in early this year, new Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco research released on Monday suggested.” (Jeanna Smialek, “A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.,” [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)

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- **Researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling inflation.** “Based on the package’s size and using historical evidence on how fiscal spending affects the labor market, the researchers found that the American Rescue Plan might raise the vacancy-to-unemployment ratio close to its historical peak in 1968, fueling some inflation – but that the price impact would be small and short-lived.” (Jeanna Smialek, “A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.,” [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)
- **The American Rescue Plan extended supplemental unemployment benefits.** “The American Rescue Plan extended unemployment benefits until September 6 with a weekly supplemental benefit of \$300 on top of the regular \$400 benefit.” (The White House, “[American Rescue Plan](#),” Accessed 11/1/21)
- **COVID-related unemployment benefits contributed to inflation.** “5) Low-wage workers are finally getting raises. Full-service restaurants saw no inflation in April, but fast-food establishments jacked up prices significantly. ... With their savings buttressed by stimulus

checks – and, for the previously laid off, their sustenance assured by \$300-a-week federal unemployment benefits – many American workers have become newly empowered to turn down lousy job offers. This, combined with resurgent demand, has produced a shortage of labor in some sectors, forcing firms to raise wages to attract new hires.” (Eric Levitz, “THE ECONOMY JUNE 8, 2021 The Case for (and Against) Worrying About Inflation,” [NY Mag](#), 6/8/21)

Additional government spending caused a rise in the prices of goods:

- **HEADLINE from *CNN Business*: “All that stimulus is sending inflation higher”** (Anneken Tappe, “All that stimulus is sending inflation higher,” [CNN Business](#), 4/9/21)
- **Stimulus checks caused additional spending, decreasing supply and driving up prices.** “Supply bottlenecks have occurred because companies were caught flat-footed by the speed of the economic recovery from the pandemic, with most consumers flush with cash, after multiple stimulus checks, and spending freely. With everyone now ramping up at once, manufacturers, shipping firms, miners and agricultural companies can’t keep up.” (Christopher Rugaber, “EXPLAINER: Why are fears of high inflation getting worse?,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/12/21)
- **Consumer goods prices are up.** “Gas prices are rising. Auto prices are soaring. Consumer goods companies are charging more for household basics like toilet paper, peanut butter and soft drinks.” (Christopher Rugaber, “EXPLAINER: Why are fears of high inflation getting worse?,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/12/21)
- **Food companies like Campbell Soup, Kraft Heinz and Mondelez have all announced higher prices on items.** “Food companies like Campbell Soup, Kraft Heinz and Mondelez have all announced higher prices on items that include soup, macaroni and cheese, crackers, and cookies, and Dollar Tree announced it’s hiking prices on most products to \$1.25.” (Rachel Siegel, “Prices Climbed 6.8% In November Compared With Last Year, Largest Rise In Nearly Four Decades, As Inflation Spreads Through Economy,” [The Washington Post](#), 12/10/21)

Although everyone is facing the impacts of inflation, lower-income families are particularly impacted by the rising costs of housing, food, and other necessities:

- **HEADLINE from *NPR*: “Inflation may be easing – but low-income people are still paying the steepest prices”** (Scott Horsley, “Inflation may be easing – but low-income people are still paying the steepest prices,” [NPR](#), 5/11/22)
- **The rising costs of housing, food, and other necessities are hitting lower-income Americans particularly hard.** “The rising costs of housing, food and other necessities are big drivers of inflation, and they fall especially hard on lower-income Americans, posing a growing challenge for President Biden and the nation's top economic policymakers.” (Scott Horsley, “Inflation may be easing – but low-income people are still paying the steepest prices,” [NPR](#), 5/11/22)
- **Although everyone pays the price when inflation is high, research suggests that lower-income families suffer the most.** “When inflation is high, everyone pays the price, but research suggests that lower-income families suffer the most.” (Scott Horsley, “Inflation may be easing – but low-income people are still paying the steepest prices,” [NPR](#), 5/11/22)