

Elissa Slotkin voted for Joe Biden's multi-trillion dollar government spending packages which have contributed to the worst inflation in forty years.

BACKUP:

Elissa Slotkin voted in favor of H.R. 1319, or the "American Rescue Plan Act," a partisan coronavirus relief package that cost nearly \$2 trillion:

- **Elissa Slotkin voted YEA on H.R. 1319, or the "American Rescue Plan Act."** (H.R. 1319, [Roll Call #72](#), Passed 220-211: R 0-210, D 220-1, Slotkin Voted Yea, 3/10/21)
- **The American Rescue Plan is a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package.** "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents." (Barbara Sprunt, "Here's What's In The American Rescue Plan," [NPR](#), 3/11/21)
- **The American Rescue Plan passed through Congress on a partisan basis.** "The American Rescue plan made it through Congress with only Democratic support, making it stand out from the bipartisan COVID relief plans Congress passed over the last year." (Savannah Behrmann, "Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden," [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)
 - **Democrat Jared Golden of Maine was the sole Democrat to oppose the American Rescue Plan.** "Democratic Rep. Jared Golden of Maine, who also voted against the original House version, was the sole member to break ranks. Golden argued in late February that many of the provisions in the nearly \$1.9 trillion pandemic relief package were not directly related to the pandemic or should be addressed in stand-alone bills." (Jennifer Shutt, "House sends massive coronavirus relief bill to Biden," [Roll Call](#), 3/10/21)
- **Speaker Pelosi praised the legislation as part of Joe Biden's legacy, calling it the "Biden American Rescue Plan."** "House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., praised the bill as part of Biden's legacy, calling it the 'Biden American Rescue Plan.' 'We will get to work immediately to deliver lifesaving resources springing from this bill as soon as it is passed and signed as we join President Biden. ... in his promise that at last help is on the way,' she said." (Savannah Behrmann, "Takeaways from the COVID-19 stimulus bill passing Congress: Weeks of partisan fighting comes to an end with a win for Biden," [USA Today](#), 3/10/21)

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

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

- **Headline from *The Wall Street Journal*: "U.S. Inflation Rate Accelerates to a 40-Year High of 7.5%"** (Gwynn Guilford, "U.S. Inflation Rate Accelerates to a 40-Year High of 7.5%," [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/10/22)
- **In January 2022, inflation hit a four-decade high of 7.5%.** "A relentless surge in U.S. inflation reached another four-decade high last month, accelerating to a 7.5% annual rate

as strong consumer demand collided with pandemic-related supply disruptions. The Labor Department on Thursday said the consumer-price index—which measures what consumers pay for goods and services—in January reached its highest level since February 1982, when compared with the same month a year ago. That put inflation above December’s 7% annual rate and well above the 1.8% annual rate for inflation in 2019 ahead of the pandemic.” (Gwynn Guilford, “U.S. Inflation Rate Accelerates to a 40-Year High of 7.5%,” [The Wall Street Journal](#), 2/10/22)

- **“The Labor Department said the increases for food and energy were the fastest 12-month gains in at least 13 years.”** “The Labor Department said the increases for food and energy were the fastest 12-month gains in at least 13 years.” (Megan Henney, “US Inflation Surges To 39-Year High As Consumer Prices Soar,” [Fox News](#), 12/10/21)
- **HEADLINE: “. . . Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.”**



(Jeanna Smialek, “A regional Fed analysis suggests Biden’s stimulus is temporarily stoking inflation.,” [The New York Times](#), 10/18/21)

- **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)
- **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 contribute 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)

On November 5, 2021, Elissa Slotkin voted for Joe Biden’s \$1.2 trillion infrastructure legislation, which contributed to the worst inflation surge in decades:

- **On November 5, 2021, Elissa Slotkin voted for the Motion to Concur on H.R. 3684, passing the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.** (H.R. 3684, [Roll Call 369](#), Passed 228-206: R 13-200, D 215-6, Slotkin Voted YEA 11/5/21)
- **President Joe Biden signed the \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill into law.** “President Joe Biden on Monday signed into law one of the largest infrastructure packages in U.S. history after months of bipartisan negotiations and tense political infighting, shoring up \$1.2 trillion in funds, including \$550 billion in new investments for the nation's bridges, airports, waterways, public transit and more—here's what you need to know about where the massive new spending will go.” (Jonathan Ponciano, “Everything In The \$1.2 Trillion Infrastructure Bill: New Roads, Electric School Buses And More,” [Forbes](#), 11/15/21)
- **According to the Heritage Foundation, Biden’s infrastructure bill contributed to the worst inflation surge in decades.** “The harmful effects of excessive government spending have become the most pressing issue for Americans due to the worst inflation surge in decades. Washington’s reckless choice to pump trillions of dollars into the economy is the reason we face more inflation than other top economies around the world. Yet, incredibly, Congress is still planning an onslaught of additional inflationary spending bills with seemingly no end in sight... Compared to projections from February 2021, when Biden had just taken office, the latest analysis shows a combined \$2.77 trillion in additional deficits over the 2021-2031 period. The largest factor for this increase was the wasteful and opportunistic \$1.9 trillion COVID-19 package that passed with exclusively Democratic support in March 2021. The shoddy \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill that Biden championed added even more red ink.” (David Ditch, “New Charts Reveal Harms of Biden’s Budget-Busting Binge,” [The Heritage Foundation](#), 6/8/22)