

Chris Deluzio supports the trillions of dollars in reckless government spending that has given us historic inflation that is over eight percent and the highest in four decades. Now Pennsylvania families are struggling to afford basic household expenses.

Deluzio supported the American Rescue Plan Act, a partisan coronavirus relief package that cost nearly \$2 trillion, as well as Biden’s trillion-dollar infrastructure bill:

- In March 2022, Deluzio praised the American Rescue Plan for “helping to bring decent internet connectivity” to Beaver County.



(Chris Deluzio, [Twitter](#), 3/25/22)

- Deluzio has retweeted several posts in support of the American Rescue Plan.

Chris Deluzio Retweeted

 **President Biden** 
 @POTUS
 United States government official

With our American Rescue Plan and vaccination program, we're getting America back to work.



10:38 AM · Jan 18, 2022 · The White House

(President Biden, [Twitter](#), 1/18/22)

Chris Deluzio Retweeted

 **Beaver County Dems**
 @bcdemparty

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan & Democrats, municipalities can pay for essentials like police, infrastructure, salaries. All the GOP voted against funding. Why don't they and their rich friends want to help America recover?



timesonline.com
 American Rescue Plan funding being distributed to county ...
 Municipalities in Beaver County are receiving their first batch of American Rescue Plan funding

8:59 AM · Jul 17, 2021 · Twitter for iPhone

(Beaver County Dems, [Twitter](#), 7/17/21)



(TribLIVE.com, [Twitter](#), 3/13/21)

- **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)
- **In June 2022, Deluzio said he would have supported the 2021 infrastructure bill.** “Would you have voted for the bipartisan infrastructure bill last year? I absolutely would have supported the infrastructure package. I think this is a long overdue investment in our country. In our region, we have crumbling bridges and roads, locks and dams.” (Ethan Beck, “Meet 17th district congressional candidate Chris Deluzio,” [Pittsburgh Jewish Chronicle](#), 6/30/22)
 - **Biden’s infrastructure bill cost more than \$1 trillion.** “President Joe Biden signed the more than \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill into law on Monday, checking off the first piece of his party’s sprawling economic agenda.” (Jacob Pramuk, “Biden signs \$1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure bill into law, unlocking funds for transportation, broadband, utilities,” [CNBC](#), 11/15/21)

The American Rescue Plan and Biden’s infrastructure bill exacerbated inflation, causing it to reach its highest point in over four decades:

- **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,” [NYMag](#), 6/8/21)
- **According to the Heritage Foundation, Biden’s \$1.2 trillion 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)
- **“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)

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

- **In June 2022, inflation reached 9.1%, its highest level in over 40 years.** “Inflation surged to a new pandemic-era peak in June, with US consumer prices jumping by 9.1% year-over-year, according to fresh data released Wednesday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. That’s the highest level in more than 40 years and higher than the previous reading, when prices rose by 8.6% for the year ended in May. It is also much higher than the 8.8% that economists had predicted, according to Refinitiv.” (Lucy Bayly and Alicia Wallace, “US inflation hit 40-year high in June, driven by record gas prices,” [CNN](#), 7/13/22)
- **In May 2022, FOX43 reported price increases for consumer goods were “causing major issues for people in low-income situations throughout Pennsylvania.”** “Increasing prices across a wide swath of consumer goods are causing major issues for people in low-income situations throughout Pennsylvania. A report from the Labor Department on Wednesday showed consumer prices in April were 8.3% higher than a year earlier. Consumer Price Index numbers showed small signs of improvement with a gradual lowering of price rates. However, for people who are already struggling after two years of pandemic-related setbacks, the situation isn’t getting better. In fact, Stacie Blake, the CEO of YWCA Lancaster, says it’s getting worse. ‘We know that anytime that we see challenges on an economic front, – whether it’s around employment, whether it’s around inflation today, whether it’s around any other price changes – those impacts affect the marginalized communities more,’ Blake said. The Pennsylvanians Blake works with every day are struggling to make ends meet, especially when it comes to food and gas. ‘The impact of inflation is uneven because it impacts the types of things you are required to purchase, which is going to mean your groceries, your gas in particular,’ said Blake. ‘...The people who are on the margins perhaps rely more on public transportation or are driving longer distances to work.’” (Madeline Cuddihy, “Inflation leads to issues for low-income Pennsylvanians,” [FOX43](#), 5/11/22)