

Val Hoyle backs Joe Biden’s reckless trillion-dollar spending plan. The Biden-Hoyle plan would further increase the 40-year-high inflation and send billions of dollars to the IRS so they can spy on our bank accounts.

BACKUP:

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**Val Hoyle supports Joe Biden’s \$1.7 trillion spending plan, the Build Back Better Act—a “sprawling” social spending and climate plan:**

- **VIDEO:** In an April 2022 debate, Val Hoyle describes inflation as “rising costs to working families” then voiced her support for Build Back Better and said that “passing Build Back Better is an important thing.” VIDEO: Hoyle: “Inflation is about rising costs to working families and there are many ways the federal government can intervene. The first is... that, uhm, passing Build Back Better is an important thing. With the Child Care Tax Credit we have child poverty, the fact that we couldn’t move that through Congress, that that and Infrastructure are somehow partisan issues is absolutely appalling.” (Val Hoyle attends “Who Will Represent the Dems in the CD4 Race?,” City Club of Eugene, Eugene, OR, [CLIP](#), 4/15/22)
- **President Biden’s \$1.7 trillion Build Back Better plan is a “sprawling social spending and climate plan.”** “President Biden’s sprawling social spending and climate plan could increase the federal budget deficit by \$3 trillion over the next decade if the programs included in the spending bill are made permanent, according to a new Congressional Budget Office analysis released Friday. The \$1.7 trillion Build Back Better bill passed by House Democrats last month would establish universal preschool, expand Medicaid, provide new funding for child care and offer green energy tax credits, though it notably omits progressive priorities like free community college and Medicare coverage of dental and vision. It relies on \$1.95 trillion in new taxes, including a 15% corporate minimum and a surcharge aimed at ultramillionaires.” (Megan Henney, “Biden’s spending bill could add \$3T to the deficit if made permanent, CBO says,” [Fox Business](#), 12/10/21)

**Impacts on Inflation**

**Non-partisan and center left experts agree that the House-passed Build Back Better Act would add to inflation, which reached a 40-year-high in 2022:**

- **As of May 2022, inflation rose to a new four-decade high, reaching its highest mark since 1981.** “The prices of gas, food and most other goods and services jumped in May, raising inflation to a new four-decade high and giving American households no respite from rising costs. Consumer prices surged 8.6% last month from a year earlier, faster than April’s year-over-year increase of 8.3%, the Labor Department said Friday. The new inflation figure, the highest since 1981, will heighten pressure on the Federal Reserve to continue raising

interest rates aggressively.” (Christopher Rugaber, “US inflation at new 40-year high as price increases spread,” [The Associated Press](#), 6/10/22)

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## US inflation at new 40-year high as price increases spread

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER June 10, 2022

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

- **According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the Build Back Better bill will increase inflationary pressures because of its deficit financed spending, transfer payments, and tax cuts.** “Over the next year plus, the reconciliation bill will increase inflationary pressures because of its deficit financed spending, transfer payments and tax cuts.” (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the “Build Back Better” Bill Will Make it Worse,” [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)
- **Non-partisan and center left experts agree that the bill will add to inflation over the next year.** “Non-partisan and center left experts agree, the Reconciliation Bill will add to inflation over the next year.” (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the “Build Back Better” Bill Will Make it Worse,” [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)
  - **“It will make the labor market even hotter and create even more price pressure,” - Ethan Harris, head of global economics research at Bank of America** (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the “Build Back Better” Bill Will Make it Worse,” [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)
  - **“The passage of Build Back Better would raise the inflation rate from 3.8% to 4% in 2022. - Analysis by Mark Zandi , Chief Economist, Moody's Analytics See Table 3. (Note: this likely understates the impact given that the estimate was made before the inclusion of \$50 billion in additional tax cuts in 2022.)”** (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the “Build Back Better” Bill Will Make it Worse,” [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)
  - **“...the House bill as currently drafted will add ~ \$200 billion to next year's deficit alone. I don't see how we can do that when inflation is 2-3x our target.’ - Ben Ritz, Director of the Progressive Policy Institute's Center for Funding America's Future”** (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the “Build Back Better” Bill Will Make it Worse,” [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)
  - **“Right now, anything that expands aggregate demand is not warranted, not advisable. The economy seems to be operating pretty close to its capacity constraints.’ - Michael Feroli, Chief U.S. economist for JPMorgan Chase”** (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, “Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the “Build Back Better” Bill Will Make it Worse,” [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)
  - **“Regarding BBB: ‘On net, I expect inflationary pressures. Why? a) \$200 billion/year of upfront borrowing - spending comes way in advance of offsets; b)**

offsets won't temper demand much - taxes on corporations and those w/ \$25m+ of income won't change consumption much; c) slow supply policies.' - Marc Goldwein, Head of Policy, Center for Responsible Federal Budget" (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the "Build Back Better" Bill Will Make it Worse," [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)

- "I think that the policymakers in Washington unfortunately have almost every month been behind the curve. They said it was transitory; it doesn't look so transitory. They said it was due to a few specific factors; doesn't look to be a few specific factors. They said when September came and people went back to school, that the labor force would grow, and it didn't happen.' - Larry Summers, former Treasury Secretary under President Clinton and President Obama economic adviser" (U.S. Chamber of Commerce, "Inflation is the Highest in 31 Years and the "Build Back Better" Bill Will Make it Worse," [Press Release](#), 11/15/21)

## Empowering the IRS to Spy

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**The Build Back Better Act would give the IRS about \$79 billion in new funding—more than half of which would go directly towards enforcement—empowering the agency to audit millions of American families, self-employed people, and small businesses:**

- **The Build Back Better Act includes about \$79 billion over a decade for the IRS to strengthen tax enforcement and expand audits.** "The bill includes about \$79 billion over a decade for the IRS to strengthen tax enforcement and expand audits." (Jon Greenberg, Amy Sherman "Fact-check: Under Build Back Better, will you be audited by the IRS if you spend more than \$28?" [PolitiFact.com via Austin-American-Statesman](#), 11/23/21)
- **More than half of the new IRS funding would go directly towards enforcement.** "Out of nearly \$80 billion in new IRS funding, \$44.9 billion, more than half, will go directly towards enforcement. The agency will receive a comparatively meager \$1.93 billion in funding for taxpayer services, which include things like pre-filing assistance and education, filing and account services, and taxpayer advocacy services." (Isabelle Morales, "Dem Bill Spends 23x More on IRS Enforcement than Taxpayer Services," [Americans for Tax Reform](#), 11/22/21)
- **It has been determined that "the goal of this funding is to empower the IRS to audit and harass millions of American families, self-employed people, and small businesses."** "Clearly, the goal of this funding is to empower the IRS to audit and harass millions of American families, self-employed people, and small businesses including cash heavy businesses like nail-salons, barbershops, and food trucks. It would add a whopping 87,000 new IRS agents - enough to fill Nationals Park twice. That is a greater quantity of agents than all the personnel on all 11 U.S. aircraft carriers." (Isabelle Morales, "Dem Bill Spends 23x More on IRS Enforcement than Taxpayer Services," [Americans for Tax Reform](#), 11/22/21)

- **Biden’s “proposal to empower the IRS to snoop on nearly every American bank account” received criticism from lawmakers.** “President Joe Biden’s proposal to empower the IRS to snoop on nearly every American bank account by requiring banks and credit unions to automatically provide the agency with information on account inflows and outflows, appears as though it may be dead, or at least on life support. That’s because latest framework for the Build Back Better bill has jettisoned the IRS reporting requirement, which triggered high-profile and bipartisan backlash.” (Patrick Gleason, “Pushback Against Biden’s IRS Bank Reporting Mandate To Continue Even If Defeated,” [Forbes](#), 7/6/22)

**According to the Treasury Department, the IRS could hire nearly 87,000 workers with the proposed new funding, which could result in an estimated 1.2 million addition audits each year:**

- **The Build Back Better Act includes nearly \$80 billion that the IRS could use to hire nearly 87,000 workers.** “Biden’s plan to give the IRS \$80 billion could ease some of those problems. With that money, the agency could hire nearly 87,000 workers over the next decade, the Treasury Department said. The department didn’t break down where the workers would be placed. But Biden’s proposal specifies that roughly half of the funding would be targeted specifically for the agency to ramp up its enforcement activities.” (Michael Collins, “President Biden wants more money for the IRS. Here’s what the agency would do with it,” [USA Today](#), 12/18/21)
- **Roughly half of \$80 billion would be targeted specifically for ramped up enforcement activities.** “But Biden’s proposal specifies that roughly half of the funding would be targeted specifically for the agency to ramp up its enforcement activities.” (Michael Collins, “President Biden wants more money for the IRS. Here’s what the agency would do with it,” [USA Today](#), 12/18/21)
- **The Build Back Better Act’s investments in the IRS could result in an estimated 1.2 million additional audits each year, nearly half of which would impact families earning less than \$75,000 a year.** “The Build Back Better Act’s investments in the IRS include \$80 billion to hire some 87,000 more IRS agents, which would result in an estimated 1.2 million additional audits each year. Nearly half of the audits would impact families earning less than \$75,000 a year. One quarter of the audits would affect Americans earning \$25,000 or more per year.” (Danielle Wallace, “Biden’s socialist Build Back Better bolstering IRS to ‘spy’ on Americans’ bank accounts: Mace,” [Fox News](#), 11/28/21)

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- **The House-passed Build Back Better Act contains a provision that would “give individual IRS agents more power and strip taxpayers of important protections that were enacted in 1998.”** “The Build Back Better Act, which has been passed by the House and awaits passage by the Senate, contains a provision that would give individual IRS agents more power and strip taxpayers of important protections that were enacted in 1998. Internal Revenue Code section 6751 currently provides that before the IRS can assess penalties against a taxpayer, the initial determination of that penalty must be approved in writing by the immediate supervisor of the agent who determined imposing the penalties is justified. That requirement, that managerial approval must be obtained in

writing, was enacted in 1998 as part of a sweeping reform to give taxpayers a more level playing field with the IRS known as the Internal Revenue Service Restructuring and Reform Act of 1998 (RRA 98). After 1998, the IRS was required to obtain written supervisory approval before imposing penalties on taxpayers. Did the IRS do this? No, it did not. And taxpayers noticed, sued the IRS, and won. Now Congress seeks to retroactively repeal 6751(b) and create a time-machine that would forgive the IRS for its failure to follow the law and provide the required protections to taxpayers against overzealous agents who impose penalties as a punishment or use them as a bargaining chip.” (Guinevere Moore, “Build Back Better Act Would Give IRS Agents More Power and Remove Important Taxpayer Protections - Retroactively. Passage Would Be A Titanic Mistake.,” [Forbes](#), 12/3/21)

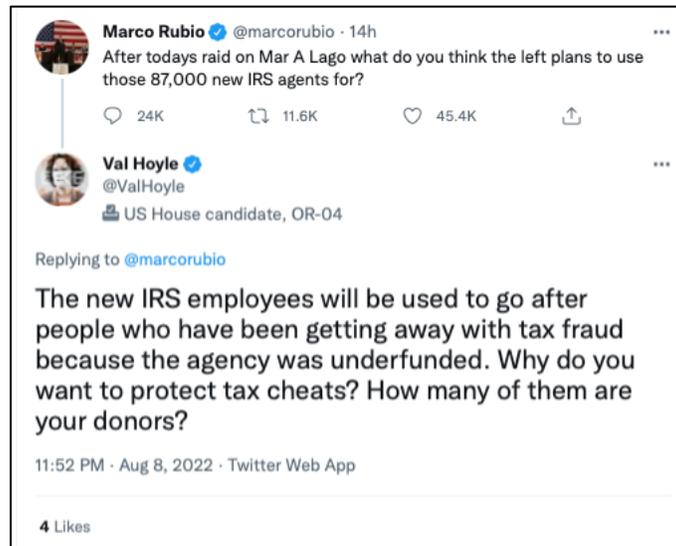
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- **Congresswoman Nancy Mace criticized President Biden’s Build Back Better plan, nothing that it includes \$80 billion to hire IRS agents who would be tasked with “spying” on Americans’ bank accounts.** “A Republican congresswoman from South Carolina says President Biden’s Build Back Better plan includes \$80 billion in funding to hire some 89,000 more IRS agents who will be tasked with ‘spying’ on Americans’ bank accounts like socialist countries around the world do. Rep. Nancy Mace, R-S.C., reacted in an appearance on Fox News Channel’s ‘Sunday Morning Futures’ to the highly contested IRS funding stipulation added to the Build Back Better Act.” (Danielle Wallace, “Biden’s socialist Build Back Better bolstering IRS to ‘spy’ on Americans’ bank accounts: Mace,” [Fox News](#), 11/28/21)

**Hoyle’s Defense of New IRS Employees**

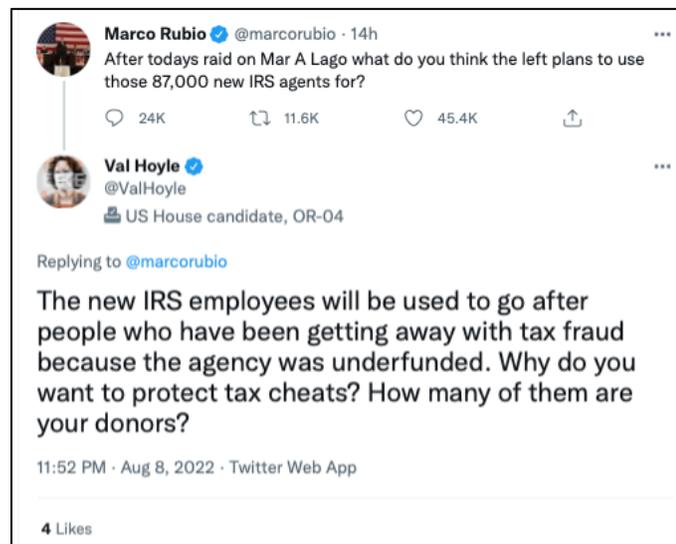
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- **In August 2022, Senator Marco Rubio tweeted “After todays raid on Mar A Lago what do you think the left plans to use those 87,000 new IRS agents for?” “After todays raid on Mar A Lago what do you think the left plans to use those 87,000 new IRS agents for?”** (Marco Rubio, [Twitter](#), 8/8/22)



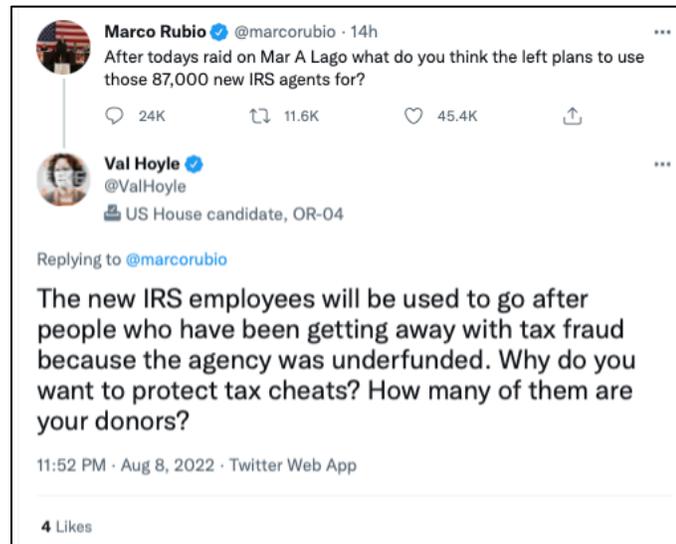
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- Val Hoyle went out of her way to reply to Rubio's question about what "the left plans to use those 87,000 new IRS agents for" and tweeted that "the new IRS employees will be used to go after people..." "The new IRS employees will be used to go after people who have been getting away with tax fraud because the agency was underfunded. Why do you want to protect tax cheats? How many of them are your donors?" (Val Hoyle, [Twitter](#), 8/8/22)



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- Hoyle further claimed that "the agency was underfunded." "The new IRS employees will be used to go after people who have been getting away with tax fraud because the agency was underfunded. Why do you want to protect tax cheats? How many of them are your donors?" (Val Hoyle, [Twitter](#), 8/8/22)



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## Tax Hikes

**The House-passed Build Back Better Act could lead to about \$1 trillion in tax hikes on American workers and businesses, resulting in one of the highest tax rates in the developed world; additionally, the plan would likely require large tax increases on the middle class:**

- **The House-passed Build Back Better Act could lead to \$530 billion in tax hikes on American workers and \$470 billion in tax hikes on corporations.** “On a conventional basis, the House bill would raise about \$1 trillion in federal revenue from 2022 to 2031. The bill includes about \$1.7 trillion in gross revenue raisers, composed of about \$470 billion in corporate tax increases, \$530 billion in individual tax increases, \$148 billion net from additional IRS tax enforcement, \$340 billion from the drug pricing provisions, and about \$177 billion in net revenue from Ways & Means items scored by the Joint Committee on Taxation (JCT) and Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” (Alex Durante, Cody Kallen, Huaqun Li, William McBride, Alex Muresianu, Erica York, Garrett Watson, “House Build Back Better Act: Details & Analysis of Tax Provisions in the Budget Reconciliation Bill,” [The Tax Foundation](#), 12/2/21)
- **The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget determined that the increase in corporate taxes would result in an indirect tax burden for “some percentage of households in every income group.”** “By comparison, only about one-third of those in the top 1 percent of earners and one-fifth of those within the 95<sup>th</sup> and 99<sup>th</sup> income percentiles would face a higher tax burden. While the bill does not directly increase taxes on anyone earning less than \$400,000 per year, some percentage of households in every income group would end up with higher *indirect* tax burdens because of higher corporate taxes. TPC and other estimators believe corporate tax increases ultimately flow through to retirement accounts, wages, and other sources of income across the income spectrum.” (Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, “Two-Thirds of the ‘One Percent’ Get a Tax Cut Under Build Back Better, Due to SALT Relief,” [Blog](#), 12/10/21)

- **The National Federation of Independent Business determined that the Build Back Better Act would hit small businesses with “significant tax increases, inflexible mandates, and unaffordable penalties.”** “By passing the Build Back Better Act, the U.S. House has proposed saddling small businesses with significant tax increases, inflexible mandates, and unaffordable penalties,’ said Kevin Kuhlman, NFIB Vice President of Federal Government Relations. ‘Small businesses are facing numerous challenges right now, including the inflation tax, supply chain disruptions, worker shortages, and COVID-19 variants and restrictions. These additional burdens will severely hurt small businesses across the country, threaten the small business recovery, and punish Main Street.’” (National Federation of Independent Business, “NFIB: House’s Build Back Better Act Would Harm Small Business Recovery,” [Press Release](#), 11/19/21)
  
- **Build Back Better would result in one of the highest income tax rates in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development.** “Under the latest iteration of the House Build Back Better Act (BBBA), the average top tax rate on personal income would reach 57.4 percent, giving the U.S. the highest rate in the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). All 50 states plus the District of Columbia would have top tax rates on personal income exceeding 50 percent.” (Alex Durante and William McBride, “Top Tax Rate on Personal Income Would Be Highest in OECD under New Build Back Better Framework,” [The Tax Foundation](#), 11/1/21)
  
- **According to the Tax Foundation, the Build Back Better Act would likely require large tax increases on the middle class.** “Because the U.S. income tax is so progressive, in fact more progressive than income taxes in Europe, completely flattening the U.S. income tax would actually raise large amounts of revenue while boosting the economy. For instance, replacing the current progressive income tax with a flat income tax rate of 20 percent applicable to all taxable income would generate \$1.1 trillion in tax revenue over 10 years, increase GDP by 1.3 percent, and add 1.2 million jobs. It would, however, be a large tax increase on the middle class, reducing after-tax incomes of the middle quintile of earners by about 5 percent initially and 3 percent in the long run.” (William McBride, “Permanent Build Back Better Act Would Likely Require Large Tax Increases on the Middle Class,” [The Tax Foundation](#), 12/15/21)