

As our economy is entering a recession, and inflation having reached a 40-year high as things like gas, groceries, and housing are more expensive for everyone, Julia Brownley voted to raise taxes by about \$1 trillion dollars on American workers and businesses.

## BACKUP:

### The United States reportedly is in an economic recession:

- **Per a report from August 2, 2022, it was reported that we are in “an economic recession.”** “Vulnerable House Democrats will not say if they support the Manchin-Schumer Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, or if it is wise to raise billions in new taxes during an economic recession.” (Aubrie Spady, “Vulnerable Democrats won’t say if they support Manchin bill, raising taxes during recession,” [Fox News](#), 08/02/22)
- **The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) contracted for a second consecutive quarter from April-June, signaling the economy had entered into a recession.** “The bill was introduced just days after the gross domestic product (GDP) contracted for a second consecutive quarter from April-June, signaling the economy had entered into a recession.” (Aubrie Spady, “Vulnerable Democrats won’t say if they support Manchin bill, raising taxes during recession,” [Fox News](#), 08/02/22)
- **HEADLINE:** “Vulnerable Democrats won’t say if they support Manchin bill, raising taxes during recession.”

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### **Vulnerable Democrats won't say if they support Manchin bill, raising taxes during recession**

Americans making less than \$200K per year would have their taxes increased by \$16.7 billion, according to a nonpartisan analysis.

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(Aubrie Spady, “Vulnerable Democrats won’t say if they support Manchin bill, raising taxes during recession,” [Fox News](#), 08/02/22)

### Californians are paying more for gas than they did a year ago:

- The current average price per gallon for regular gasoline was \$5.405 compared to \$4.394 one year ago.

#### CALIFORNIA AVERAGE GAS PRICES <sup>①</sup>

	Regular	Mid-Grade	Premium	Diesel
Current Avg.	\$5.405	\$5.584	\$5.738	\$6.314
Yesterday Avg.	\$5.394	\$5.577	\$5.728	\$6.318
Week Ago Avg.	\$5.266	\$5.457	\$5.613	\$6.312
Month Ago Avg.	\$5.378	\$5.595	\$5.732	\$6.248
Year Ago Avg.	\$4.394	\$4.587	\$4.712	\$4.389

(California Average Gas Prices, [AAA](#), Accessed 09/12/22)

Per reporting on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, inflation soared 9.1% compared to a year earlier, the biggest yearly increase since 1981 and up from an 8.6% jump in May:

Editor’s Note: *Joe Biden was President at the time.*

- **Inflation soared 9.1% compared to a year earlier, the biggest yearly increase since 1981 and up from an 8.6% jump in May.** “Consumer prices soared 9.1 percent compared with a year earlier, the government said Wednesday, the biggest yearly increase since 1981, and up from an 8.6 percent jump in May.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)
- **On a monthly basis, prices rose 1.3% from May to June, another substantial price increase after prices jumped 1% from April to May.** “On a monthly basis, prices rose 1.3 percent from May to June, another substantial increase, after prices had jumped 1 percent from April to May.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)
- **Grocery prices jumped 12.2% compared with a year ago, the steepest such climb since 1979.** “Grocery prices have jumped 12.2 percent compared with a year ago, the steepest such climb since 1979.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)
- **Rents increased by 5.8%, the most since 1986.** “Rents have risen 5.8 percent, the most since 1986.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)
- **New car prices increased 11.4% from a year earlier.** “New car prices have increased 11.4 percent from a year earlier.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)
- **Airline fares are up 34% from a year earlier.** “And airline fares, one of the few items to post a price decline in June, are nevertheless up 34 percent from a year earlier.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)
- **From May to June, the cost of dental services surged 1.9%, the biggest one-month increase since record-keeping began in 1995.** “From May to June, the cost of dental services surged 1.9 percent, the biggest one-month increase since record-keeping began in 1995.” (Christopher Rugaber, “U.S. inflation at 9.1 percent, a record high,” [PBS News Hour](#), 07/13/22)

### Julia Brownley voted for the American Rescue Plan:

- **Julia Brownley 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, Brownley Voted Yea, 3/10/21)
  - **The American Rescue Plan was a Democrat plan that no Republicans voted for.** “This week has been a significant week for the American people, as the House passed the final version of the American Rescue Plan and President Joe Biden signed it into law. House Democrats secured major assistance to the middle class with this legislation, including: \$1,400 in direct payments to most families, \$300 enhanced unemployment benefits through Labor Day, boosting SNAP benefits by 15%, and increasing the child tax credit to up to \$3,600 per child, which will lift half of American children out of poverty. In addition, the American Rescue Plan will establish a national vaccination strategy, ensure schools have the resources to resume in-person learning safely, strengthen the Affordable Care Act, and support small businesses. It is a shame that zero Republicans voted to send this critical relief to families, despite poll after poll reflecting broad, bipartisan support for this bill.

Nevertheless, under President Biden's leadership, Democrats have delivered For The People and now that the American Rescue Plan has been signed into law, direct assistance will be given to Americans immediately around our country." (Steny Hoyer Majority Leader, "Democrats Deliver Needed Relief to Americans with the American Rescue Plan," [Press Release](#), 3/12/21)

### **On November 19, 2021, Julia Brownley voted for H.R. 5378, the Build Back Better Act:**

- **On November 19, 2021, Brownley voted for H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act.** (H.R. 5376, [Roll Call 385](#), Passed 220-213: R 0-212, D 220-1 Brownley voted Yea., 11/19/21)

### **Build Back Better could lead to about \$1 trillion in tax hikes on American workers and businesses, force middle class Americans to shoulder the burden of new corporate taxes, and result in one of the highest tax rate in the developed world:**

- **Build Back Better 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," [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 rate in the developed world.** “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,” [Tax Foundation](#), 11/1/21)