

Jeff Ettinger donated thousands to Joe Biden and even made a list of the biggest Joe Biden donors in Minnesota. Under Joe Biden, America has experienced record high increases in cost of living, soaring crime rates, massive illegal immigration and drugs crossing our border.

Ettinger is a large contributor to primarily Democratic candidates and causes including Joe Biden; in 2020, Ettinger was a “big-name” Minnesota donor who gave the maximum contribution to Joe Biden’s presidential campaign:

Contributor	Recipient	Date	Amount
Ettinger, Jeffrey	Biden for President	5/3/20	<a href="#"><u>\$5,600</u></a>
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- In 2020, Ettinger was identified as a “big-name” donor who gave the maximum contribution to Joe Biden’s presidential campaign. “Throughout the campaign cycle, Minnesota donors have outspent on Democratic campaigns, funneling \$15.8 million to Democratic candidates as compared to \$6 million toward Republican candidates. Trump also faced fewer challengers for the Republican Party nomination as compared to the broad field that sought the Democratic Party’s nomination. Among big-name donors to the Biden campaign were: Eric Dayton, co-owner and CEO of Askov Finlayson; former Hormel CEO Jeffrey Ettinger.” (Dana Ferguson, “Minnesota donors giving to the max pick Biden over Trump almost 2-to-1,” [Twin Cities Pioneer Press](#), 10/30/20)

These are the Minnesotans who gave the maximum contribution, \$5,600, to Joe Biden’s campaign, per Federal Election Commission reports:

- Bob Gardner
- Paul Dixon
- Fred Pritzker
- Paul W. Parker
- Helene Slocum
- J. Thomas Nelson
- Lee Lynch
- H.B. Atwater
- Jeffrey Ettinger

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**Ettinger supports the American Rescue Plan:**

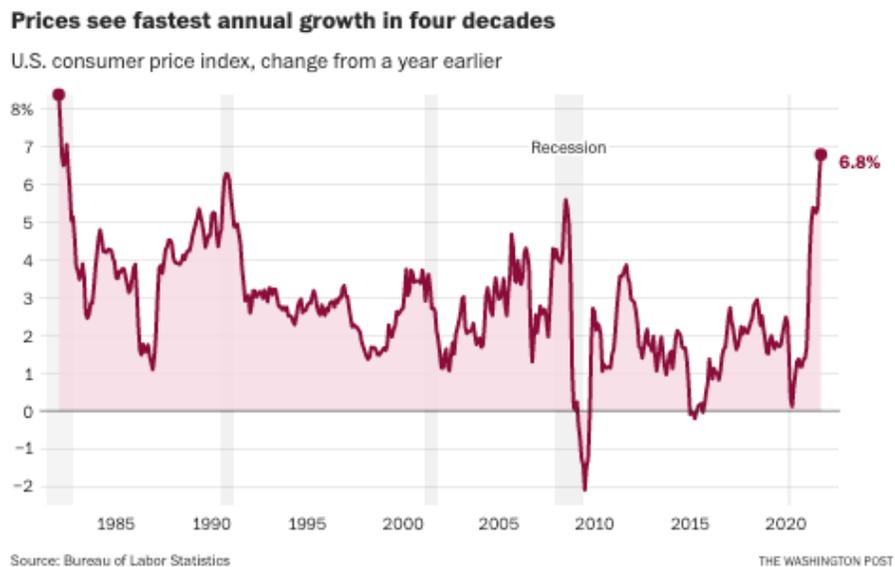
- Ettinger said that he would have voted in favor of the “COVID-19 stimulus bills.” “Ettinger said he would have voted to impeach Trump twice and for the COVID-19 stimulus bills, though he wished they would have been more income-tested or focused on people who lost their jobs.” (“Jeff From Town’: How A Former Hormel CEO Came To Be A Democratic Candidate For A U.S. House Seat In Southern Minnesota,” [Minn Post](#), 4/27/22)

- President Biden’s American Rescue Plan would “ensure that the Treasury Department has the flexibility and resources it needs to deliver stimulus checks.” “President Biden’s plan will also expand eligibility to adult dependents who have been left out of previous rounds of relief and all mixed status households. And, his plan will ensure that the Treasury Department has the flexibility and resources it needs to deliver stimulus checks to the families that need them most, including the millions of families that still haven’t received the \$1,200 checks they are entitled to under the CARES Act.” (“President Biden Announces American Rescue Plan,” [White House](#), 1/20/21)

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

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

- **Consumer prices surged at the fastest pace in nearly four decades in November.** “Consumer prices surged at the fastest pace in nearly four decades in November as Americans paid more for practically everything from groceries to cars to gasoline, solidifying hot inflation as a key trait of the economic recovery.” (Megan Henney, “US Inflation Surges To 39-Year High As Consumer Prices Soar,” [Fox News](#), 12/10/21)



(Rachel Siegel, “Prices Climbed 6.8% In November Compared With Last Year, Largest Rise In Nearly Four Decades, As Inflation Spreads Through Economy,” [Washington Post](#), 12/10/21)

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The New York Times

## A regional Fed analysis suggests 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)

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

- **CNN BUSINESS HEADLINE: "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?," [AP](#), 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?,” [AP](#), 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,” [Washington Post](#), 12/10/21)

**Dollar Tree, the nation’s largest dollar store chain, was forced to increase prices from \$1 to \$1.25 due to “merchandise cost increases:”**

- **In November 2021, Dollar Tree announced it would “raise prices from \$1 to \$1.25 on the majority of its products by the first quarter of 2022.”** “The company – one of America’s last remaining true dollar stores – said Tuesday it will raise prices from \$1 to \$1.25 on the majority of its products by the first quarter of 2022. The change is a sign of the pressures low-cost retailers face holding down prices during a period of rising inflation.” (“Nathaniel Meyersohn, “Dollar Tree Hikes Prices 25%. Most Items Will Cost \$1.25,” [CNN Business](#), 11/23/21)
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- **Dollar Tree was forced to increase prices due to “historically high merchandise cost increases.”** “Dollar Tree also said that hiking prices will help the company increase its profit margins by ‘mitigating historically high merchandise cost increases,’ including freight and distribution costs, as well as wage increases.” (“Nathaniel Meyersohn, “Dollar Tree Hikes Prices 25%. Most Items Will Cost \$1.25,” [CNN Business](#), 11/23/21)
- **Since 1986, Dollar Tree has sold products at \$1.** “Dollar Tree has sold products at \$1 for 35 years and was the last of the major dollar store chains to actually be a dollar store.” (“Nathaniel Meyersohn, “Dollar Tree Hikes Prices 25%. Most Items Will Cost \$1.25,” [CNN Business](#), 11/23/21)
- **Dollar Tree is the largest dollar store chain in the United States.** “Dollar Tree Inc. announced that it has completed its \$8.5 billion acquisition of Family Dollar Stores Inc. Dollar Tree also named a new president and COO of Family Dollar. The combined company will operate about 13,000 stores, making it the largest dollar store chain in the U.S. by store count.” (“Dollar Tree Just Created The Nation’s Biggest Dollar Store Chain,” [Chain Store Age](#), 7/6/15)

**In 2021, cities across the United States experienced an increase in crime:**

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- **In 2021, aggravated and gun assault rates increased.** “Aggravated and gun assault rates were also higher in 2021 than in 2020. Aggravated assaults increased by 4%, while gun assaults went up by 8%. Robbery rates increased slightly after dropping in 2020.” (“Pandemic, Social Unrest, And Crime In U.S. Cities: Year-End 2021 Update,” [Council On Criminal Justice](#), 1/14/22)
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- **In 2021, motor vehicle theft rates increased.** “Motor vehicle theft rates were 14% higher in 2021 than the year before.” (“Pandemic, Social Unrest, And Crime In U.S. Cities: Year-End 2021 Update,” [Council On Criminal Justice](#), 1/14/22)
- **The “nationwide surge in violent crime” has alarmed Biden’s White House.** “A nationwide surge in violent crime has emerged as a growing area of concern inside the White House, where President Joe Biden and his aides have listened with alarm as local authorities warn a brutal summer of killing lies ahead.” (“Concerns Rising Inside White House Over Surge In Violent Crime,” [CNN](#), 6/22/21)

### **Illegal immigration and drug seizures along the border increased under Joe Biden:**

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- **The Illegal immigrant population in the United States rebounded sharply in 2021 with an “increase of over one million in the last year.”** “Given the ongoing crisis at our southern border, it seems almost certain that the illegal-immigrant population in the U.S. has been growing – but by how much, exactly? Our latest research shows that the number of illegal immigrants living in the U.S. actually declined during the pandemic year of 2020, but then it rebounded sharply in 2021 with an increase of over one million in the last year. This is possibly the largest single-year increase ever, and it has brought the total illegal-immigrant population back to pre-pandemic levels.” (“The Illegal-Immigrant Population Increased Dramatically In Biden’s First Year,” [National Review](#), 4/2/22)
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- In October 2021, “a record 1.7 million migrants were encountered trying to enter the United States illegally in the last 12 months.” “A record 1.7 million migrants from around the world, many of them fleeing pandemic-ravaged countries, were encountered trying to enter the United States illegally in the last 12 months, capping a year of chaos at the southern border, which has emerged as one of the most formidable challenges for the Biden administration. (“Illegal Border Crossings, Driven By Pandemic And Natural Disasters, Soar To Record High,” [New York Times](#), 10/22/21)
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- In 2021, the amount of fentanyl that was seized in South Texas increased by 1,066%, among other drugs that saw increases from 2020. “During FY 2021, CBP officers at the eight ports of entry extending from Brownsville to Del Rio that comprise the Laredo Field Office seized 87,652 pounds of narcotics that would have commanded a combined estimated street value of \$786 million. Specifically, they seized 41,713 pounds of marijuana; 8,592 pounds of cocaine, up 98 percent from FY 20; 33,777 pounds of methamphetamine; 1,215 pounds of heroin, 588 pounds of fentanyl, up 1,066 percent from FY 2020, \$10.4 million in unreported currency, 463 weapons, up 21 percent from FY 2020 and 84,863 rounds of ammunition.” (Press Release, “CBP Officers at South Texas Ports of Entry Post Significant Increases in Fentanyl, Cocaine Seized in FY 2021,” [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#), 1/5/2022)
  - “Under Biden, nearly two times as much fentanyl has been seized.” (“Are Drug Seizures At The Border Good Or Bad? Depends On The President.,” [Washington Post](#), 5/24/22)
- In 2021, the weight of cocaine seizures increased from 58k to 97.6k from the previous year.



- In 2021, the weight of ketamine seizures from 1.1k to 10.8k from the previous year.



Along the U.S. – Mexico border, “law enforcement officers are finding increasing amounts of illegal drugs,” and an “uptick in drug trafficking from Mexico:”

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# US border officials see uptick in drug trafficking from Mexico

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