

A group of CNN moderators sitting at a long table during a presidential debate. The table has microphones and water bottles. In the background, there are CNN logos and signs that say 'CNN PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE'.

DEBUNKING THE TOP 10 FALSEHOODS ABOUT DONALD TRUMP WITH FACTS

Following the first presidential debate, pundits across mainstream media claimed Donald Trump's responses were blatant lies, leaving Americans dizzyingly confused about the facts surrounding his statements. During the same event, President Biden made several untrue and easily fact-checked statements that have been largely ignored by the media.

Did you know...?

Biden has blamed Trump for high inflation, saying it was 9% when he took office. **The claim is “not close to true” according to CNN.** The year-over-year inflation rate in January 2021, the month of his inauguration, was about 1.4%.

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President Biden claims Trump left him a poor economy. According to FactCheck.org, Biden “misleadingly contrasts that with a loss of jobs under former President Donald Trump, **a loss that occurred because of the COVID-19 pandemic.**”

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President Biden this February said, “the only reason the border is not secure is Donald Trump and his MAGA Republican friends.” However, **illegal border crossings soared in the months after Biden took office** after he immediately rolled back many Trump-era restrictions.

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During the June 2024 presidential debate, Biden said Trump would sign a national abortion ban if elected to Congress. Donald Trump said he would not sign a national abortion ban if elected to the White House again.

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DEBUNKING THE TOP 10 FALSEHOODS ABOUT DONALD TRUMP WITH FACTS

MYTH #1: Trump Is Responsible For High Inflation

The Facts:

Biden Has Blamed Trump For High Inflation, Saying It Was 9% When He Took Office.

“For the second time in less than a week, President Joe Biden falsely claimed Tuesday that the inflation rate was 9% when he began his presidency. Biden was criticized by many Republicans, including former president and current presidential rival Donald Trump, for telling CNN in an interview last Wednesday: ‘No president’s had the run we’ve had in terms of creating jobs and bringing down inflation. It was 9% percent when I came to office, 9%.’ Biden repeated the claim about the inflation rate, albeit in slightly vaguer form, in a Tuesday interview with Yahoo Finance. This time, he said: ‘I think inflation has gone slightly up. It was at 9% when I came in, and it’s now down around 3%.’” (Daniel Dale, “Fact Check: Biden Again Falsely Claims Inflation Was 9% When He Became President,” [CNN](#), 5/14/24)

Biden’s 9% Inflation Claim Is “Not Close To True.” When Trump Left Office, The Inflation Rate Was About 1.4 %. “Biden’s claim that the inflation rate was 9% when he became president is not close to true. The year-over-year inflation rate in January 2021, the month of his inauguration, was about 1.4%. The Biden-era inflation rate did peak at about 9.1% – but that peak occurred in June 2022, after Biden had been president for more than 16 months. The March 2024 inflation rate, the most recent available rate at the time Biden made these comments, was about 3.5%, up from about 3.2% the month prior.” (Daniel Dale, “Fact Check: Biden Again Falsely Claims Inflation Was 9% When He Became President,” [CNN](#), 5/14/24)

Inflation Is “Actually Higher” Under Biden. “In other words, Biden’s claims make it sound like inflation is much lower today than it was when he was inaugurated – but it is actually higher, though there has been a steep decline since the June 2022 peak.” (Daniel Dale, “Fact Check: Biden Again Falsely Claims Inflation Was 9% When He Became President,” [CNN](#), 5/14/24)

POLITIFACT Has Rated Biden’s Claim As “False.” (Louis Jacobson, “Inflation ‘Was 9% When I Came To Office,’” [POLITIFACT](#), 5/15/24)



Joe Biden

stated on May 14, 2024 in an interview with Yahoo Finance:

Inflation “was 9% when I came to office.”

By Louis Jacobson • May 15, 2024



MYTH #2: Trump Left Biden A Poor Economy

The Facts:

FactCheck.org Headline: “Biden’s Job Growth Chart Ignores Impact Of Pandemic” (Lori Robertson, “Biden’s Job Growth Chart Ignores Impact Of Pandemic,” [FactCheck.org](#), 2/9/24)

Biden “Misleadingly Contrasts That With A Loss Of Jobs Under Former President Donald Trump – A Loss That Occurred Because Of The COVID-19 Pandemic.” “Since President Joe Biden took office, the economy has added nearly 14.8 million jobs, 5.4 million more than the pre-pandemic peak in early 2020. All told, it’s an average monthly job growth of more than

400,000. But Biden misleadingly contrasts that with a loss of jobs under former President Donald Trump — a loss that occurred because of the COVID-19 pandemic.” (Lori Robertson, “Biden’s Job Growth Chart Ignores Impact Of Pandemic,” [FactCheck.org](https://www.factcheck.org/2024/02/biden-job-growth-chart-ignores-impact-of-pandemic/), 2/9/24)

- **Biden’s Claim Of Creating 15 Million Jobs Is Not “Clear-Cut” And Is “Misleading,” As He Is Taking Credit For Employment Figures That Had Plummeted Due To The COVID-19 Pandemic.** “Though around 15 million jobs have been created since Biden took office, according to several fact-checking media outlets, taking credit for that record is not so clear-cut. Snopes reported on Thursday that Biden’s claim is a ‘mixture’ of true and false. According to the fact-checking outlet, early data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics found the number of employed individuals increased from around 142.9 million in January 2021, when Biden assumed office, to approximately 157.8 million in February 2024, marking a significant surge of 14.9 million jobs. However, the outlet said this apparent growth can be ‘misleading’ without considering the broader context. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic’s onset in the U.S., employment figures stood at 152.3 million in February 2020. In the subsequent two months, however, this number plummeted by 21.9 million to 130.4 million.” (Jamie Joseph, “White House OMB Director Repeats ‘Misleading’ Claim That Biden Created 15 Million New Jobs,” [Fox Business](https://www.foxbusiness.com/story/white-house-omb-director-repeats-misleading-claim-that-biden-created-15-million-new-jobs-2024-03-21/), 3/21/24)

Economist Douglas Holt-Eakin Cited The COVID-19 Pandemic For The State Of The Economy For The Last Year Of Trump’s Administration, Noting That The Loss Of Jobs In April 2020, At The Onset Of The Pandemic Was “10 Times More Than We Have Ever Lost In A Single Month.” “The comparison in Biden’s chart is ‘unfair,’ Douglas Holtz-Eakin, an economist, president of the ‘center-right’ American Action Forum and a former director of the Congressional Budget Office, told us, noting the more than 20 million jobs lost in April 2020. ‘That’s 10 times more than we have ever lost in a single month.’ That wasn’t ‘Trump’s fault.’ The country gained nearly 3 million jobs back in May 2020. ‘Trump didn’t do anything special,’ said Holtz-Eakin, who was an adviser to the late Sen. John McCain’s 2008 presidential campaign.” (Lori Robertson, “Biden’s Job Growth Chart Ignores Impact Of Pandemic,” [FactCheck.org](https://www.factcheck.org/2024/02/biden-job-growth-chart-ignores-impact-of-pandemic/), 2/9/24)

MYTH #3: Trump Is Responsible For The Border Crisis

The Facts:

Biden In February 2024: “The Only Reason The Border Is Not Secure Is Donald Trump And His MAGA Republican Friends.” “Every day between now and November, the American people are gonna know that the only reason the border is not secure is Donald Trump and his MAGA Republican friends,’ he said.” (Alexandra Hutzler, “Biden Blames Trump For Bringing Border Deal To Verge Of Collapse,” [ABC News](https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/biden-blames-trump-for-bringing-border-deal-to-verge-of-collapse/story?id=115444444), 2/6/24)

On His First Day As President, Biden Began Rolling Back Trump’s Immigration Policies. “Almost immediately after he walked into the Oval Office on his first day as president, Joe Biden began rolling back his predecessor’s immigration policies, which he had assailed throughout the 2020 campaign as harsh and inhumane.” (Jonathan J. Cooper, “Biden Is Left With Few Choices As Immigration Takes Center Stage In American Politics,” [The Associated Press](https://www.theassociatedpress.com/2021/02/26/biden-immigration-takes-center-stage-in-american-politics/), 2/2/24)

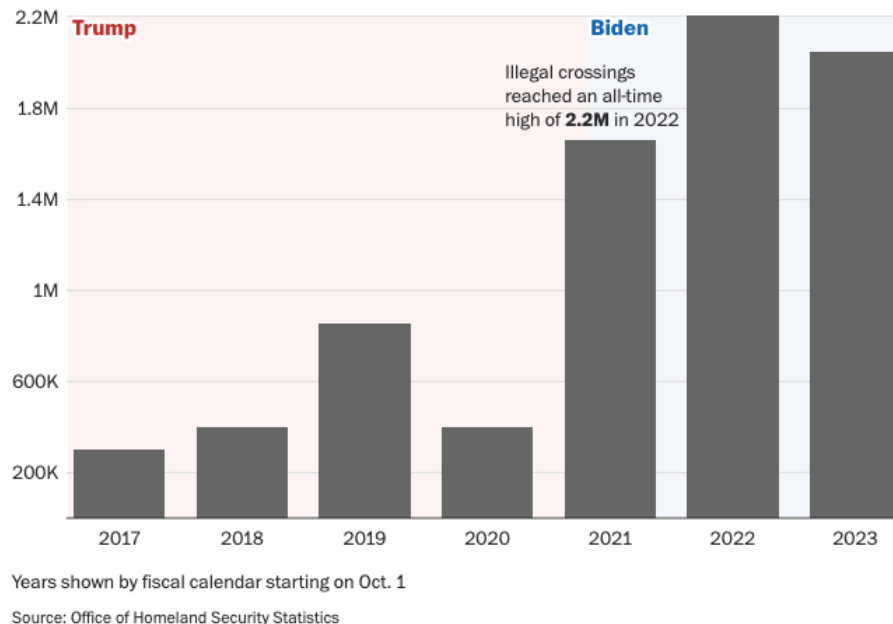
- **Biden Planned To Legalize 11 Million Illegal Immigrants.** “Tipton’s order is an early blow to the Biden administration, which has proposed far-reaching changes sought by immigration advocates, including a plan to legalize an estimated 11 million immigrants living in the U.S. illegally. Biden promised during his campaign to issue the moratorium.” (Nomaan Merchant, “Judge Bars Biden From Enforcing 100-Day Deportation Ban,” [The Associated Press](https://www.theassociatedpress.com/2024/01/26/judge-bars-biden-from-enforcing-100-day-deportation-ban/), 1/26/24)

“Illegal Border Crossings Soared In The Months After Biden Took Office And Immediately Rolled Back Many Trump-Era Restrictions.” “Illegal border crossings soared in the months after Biden took office and immediately rolled back many Trump-era restrictions. Biden warned that he’d still enforce immigration laws, and he temporarily kept in place a Trump pandemic policy known as Title 42 that allowed authorities to quickly expel border crossers.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/immigration/trump-vs-biden-on-immigration-12-charts-comparing-u-s-border-security/2024/02/11/), 2/11/24)

From The Onset Of Biden’s Presidency, Illegal Crossings At The Southern Border Increased Exponentially, Hitting An “All-Time High Of 2.2M In 2022.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

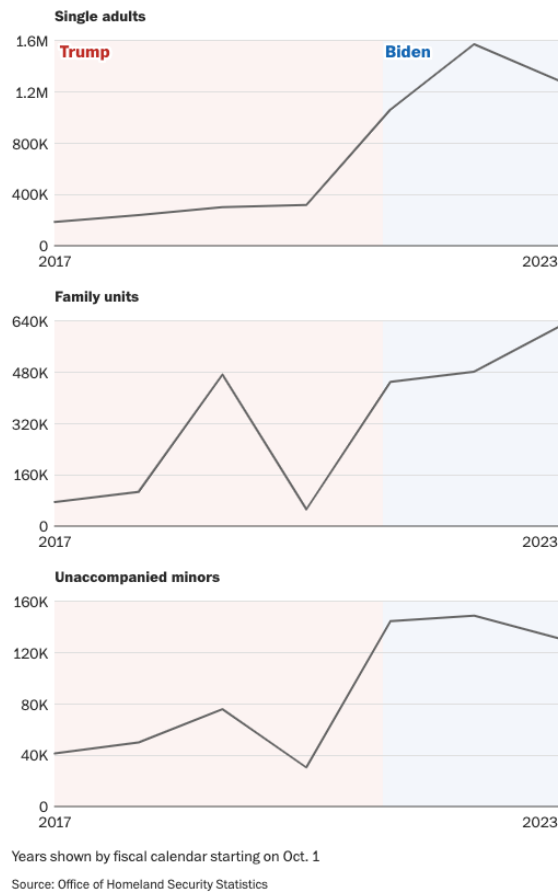
- **In Trump’s Final Year As President, Illegal Crossings Were About 400,000. In Biden’s First Year, Illegal Crossings Increased To About 1.7 Million.** (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

Illegal crossings at the U.S.-Mexico border



Under Biden, Unaccompanied Children Crossing The Border Is At “Near-Record Numbers” And Families And Single Adults Have Been “Arriving In Historic Numbers As Well.” “Teens and children crossing without their parents continue to arrive at near-record numbers. Families and single adults have been arriving in historic numbers as well.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

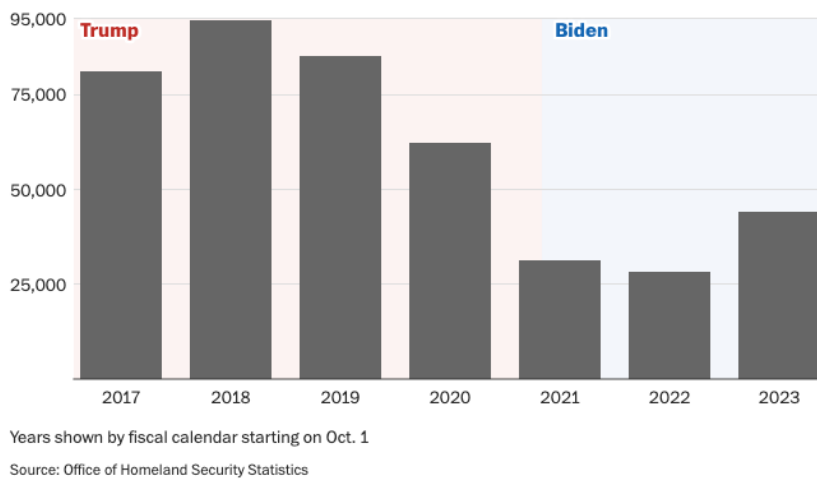
Who is crossing the U.S.-Mexico border



“Deportations Of Migrants Arrested By ICE Averaged About 80,000 Annually During Trump’s Term. ... Deportations Of Migrants Arrested By ICE Have Fallen To About 35,000 Per Year Since Biden Took Office.” (Nick Miroff, Maria Sacchetti and Sarah Frostenson, “Trump vs. Biden On Immigration: 12 Charts Comparing U.S. Border Security,” [The Washington Post](#), 2/11/24)

U.S. interior immigration enforcement

Migrants deported or returned after an ICE arrest by year



MYTH #4: Trump Wanted To Join Rioters At The U.S. Capitol On January 6

The Facts:

The Jan. 6 Committee Withheld Crucial Evidence And Its Star Witness, Cassidy Hutchinson's Claim That Trump Tried To Go To The Capitol Has Conflicted With Witness Interviews. "The House Democrat-led Jan. 6 committee withheld crucial evidence from the public, including witness interviews that conflicted with the testimony of star witness Cassidy Hutchinson and her claim then-President Donald Trump tried to commandeer his presidential SUV and take it to the U.S. Capitol that day, House Republicans declared in an explosive new report Monday." (John Solomon and Steven Richards, "Democrats' Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report," [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

- **Multiple Secret Service Employees Disputed Hutchinson's Account That Trump Tried To Force His Detail To Take Him To The Capitol To Join The Rioters.** "The report also noted that multiple Secret Service employees, in addition to the driver and Ornato directly disputed Hutchinson's now infamous account that Trump was so enraged after his speech on the Ellipse that he tried to commandeer his presidential SUV – known as the Beast – and force his detail to take him to the Capitol to join the rioters." (John Solomon and Steven Richards, "Democrats' Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report," [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

A New Report From The House Administration Subcommittee On Oversight Showed "Evidence Contradicting Several Claims That Democrats Made In Their Final Report In December 2022." "The House Administration Subcommittee on Oversight, chaired by Rep. Barry Loudermilk, R-Ga., released its first findings from its year-long probe into Capitol security failures on Jan. 6, 2021, and the initial Democrat effort to investigate the incident. The report provided evidence contradicting several claims that Democrats made in their final report in December 2022." (John Solomon and Steven Richards, "Democrats' Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report," [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

The Secret Service Driver For Trump "Directly Contradicted Hutchinson's Story About Trump Trying To Grab The Wheel Of The Presidential SUV And Take It To The Capitol." "For the first time, Loudermilk's report released information from the Secret Service driver who took Trump to his Jan. 6, 2021 speech on the Ellipse and back to the White House. The driver, who wasn't identified by name, directly contradicted Hutchinson's story about Trump trying to grab the wheel of the presidential SUV and take it to the Capitol, the report said." (John Solomon and Steven Richards, "Democrats' Jan. 6 Panel Withheld Crucial Evidence, Including Denial From Trump Driver: New Report," [JusttheNews](#), 3/11/24)

- **The Driver Refuted Hutchinson's Version Of Events, Saying Trump Never Grabbed Or Lunged For The Front Seat.** "According to the new report, the driver, who is not named, was interviewed by the previous Jan. 6 committee in November 2022 and 'testified that he specifically refuted the version of events as recounted by Hutchinson.' The driver said he "did not see him reach [redacted]. [President Trump] never grabbed the steering wheel. I didn't see him, you know, lunge to try to get into the front seat at all,' the report states." (Lauren Peller, Katherine Faulders and Adam Carlson, "Trump's Driver Contradicts Cassidy Hutchinson About Jan. 6 SUV Altercation, GOP Report Says," [ABC News](#), 3/11/24)

According To Internal Secret Service Documents, There Was No Plan For Trump To Go To The Capitol, Undercutting The Democratic Party's Narrative. "The Democratic Party's narrative is further undercut by internal Secret Service documents reviewed by Just the News, which show there was no plan heading into the Jan. 6 event to take Trump to the Capitol." (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

The Secret Service Presidential Travel Plan Did Not Have Trump Going To The Capitol. "All presidential trips are highly scripted because of the need for security. The Secret Service places assets at all locations where a president may go. That did not happen at the Capitol, according to the Secret Service records reviewed by Just the News, suggesting Trump's alleged statements to the presidential aides two days earlier did not result in a change of plan. The final Secret Service plan approved at 5:35 a.m. on Jan. 6 for Trump – codenamed 'Mogul' in the document – reads: '1050 - Depart White House via motorcade en route the Ellipse ...1055 - Arrive the Ellipse. 1135 - Depart the Ellipse via motorcade en route White House. 1140 - Arrive White House.'" (John Solomon, "Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative," [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

“An Accompanying PowerPoint Created By The Secret Service Laid Out All The Security Provisions For The Event, And It Like The Plan Made No Mention Of A Stop At The Capitol.” (John Solomon, “Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative,” [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

The Schedule And PowerPoint Were Provided To The January 6 Committee. “Secret Service and congressional sources confirmed to Just the News that both the schedule and PowerPoint were provided to the House Democrats' Jan. 6 committee.” (John Solomon, “Internal Secret Service Records Undercut Another Key J6 Committee Democrat Narrative,” [JusttheNews](#), 1/7/24)

MYTH #5: Trump Wants The U.S. Out Of NATO

The Facts:

Biden In June 2024: “This Is A Guy Who Wants To Get Out Of NATO.” (Joe Biden, [Remarks During The Presidential Debate](#), Atlanta, GA, 6/27/24)

Trump Has Vowed To Keep The U.S. In NATO “100%” If The Countries Pay Their “Fair Share” And “Play Fair.” “Former President Trump said he would ‘100%’ keep the U.S. in NATO if he returns to the presidency so long as European countries pay their ‘fair share’ and ‘play fair.’” (Shauneen Miranda, “Trump Says He’ll Keep U.S. In NATO As Long As Everyone Pays ‘Fair Share,’” [Axios](#), 3/19/24)

As President, Trump “Never Pursued Withdrawal.” “Trump flirted with the idea of pulling out of NATO on multiple occasions during his time in the White House but never pursued withdrawal.” (Shauneen Miranda, “Trump Says He’ll Keep U.S. In NATO As Long As Everyone Pays ‘Fair Share,’” [Axios](#), 3/19/24)

More NATO Members Are Now Spending At Least The 2% GDP Benchmark, With 18 Of Its 32 Members To Hit The Target In 2024, Up From Three Who Spent 2% A Decade Ago. “NATO members do not pay ‘dues,’ as Trump often claims, but the alliance set a benchmark in 2014 for every country to spend at least 2% of GDP on their own defense. The alliance expects a record 18 of its 32 members to hit the 2% target in 2024, up from three who spent 2% a decade ago.” (Shauneen Miranda, “Trump Says He’ll Keep U.S. In NATO As Long As Everyone Pays ‘Fair Share,’” [Axios](#), 3/19/24)

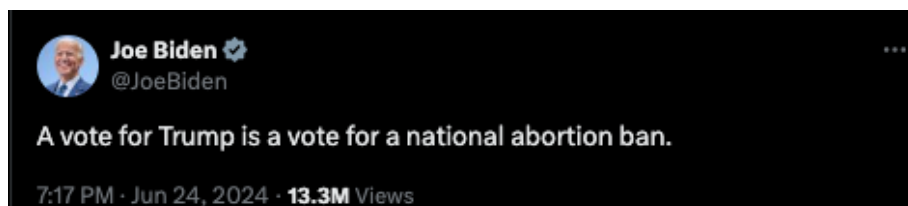
A President No Longer Has The Power To Withdraw The U.S. From NATO Without Congressional Approval. “Congress passed a bill in December to prevent a president from withdrawing from NATO without Congressional approval.” (Shauneen Miranda, “Trump Says He’ll Keep U.S. In NATO As Long As Everyone Pays ‘Fair Share,’” [Axios](#), 3/19/24)

MYTH #6: Trump Will Sign A National Abortion Ban If Elected

The Facts:

During The June 2024 Presidential Debate, Biden Said Trump Would Sign A National Abortion Ban If Elected To Congress. BIDEN: “What’s he going to do? What’s he going to do, in fact, if – if the MAGA Republicans – he gets elected, and the MAGA Republicans control the Congress and they pass a universal ban on abortion, period, across the board at six weeks or seven or eight or 10 weeks, something very, very conservative? Is he going to sign that bill? I’ll veto it. He’ll sign it.” (Joe Biden, [Remarks During The Presidential Debate](#), Atlanta, GA, 6/27/24)

On June 24, 2024, Biden Tweeted “A Vote For Trump Is A Vote For A National Abortion Ban.” (Joe Biden, [Twitter](#), 6/24/24)



Trump Has Said He Would “Not” Sign A National Abortion Ban. “Donald Trump said Wednesday he would not sign a national abortion ban if elected to the White House again, reversing a

promise the former president made as a candidate in 2016 and stood by during his first term in office. Trump's latest shift on abortion is a remarkable position for a Republican presidential nominee and it is illustrative of Trump's desire to make one of his greatest political liabilities disappear. It follows a lengthy statement released Monday in which Trump said that states and voters should decide how and when to restrict abortion but left unclear how far he would take that approach." (Steve Contorno and Kate Sullivan, "Trump Says He Wouldn't Sign Federal Abortion Ban," [CNN](#), 4/10/24)

When Asked Specifically In April 2024 If He Would Sign A National Ban, Trump Twice Responded "No." "Appearing on a tarmac Wednesday in Atlanta, Trump provided a more definitive answer. Asked if he would sign a national abortion ban if it passed Congress, the former president shook his head: 'No.' 'You wouldn't sign it?' the reporter asked. 'No,' Trump said again." (Steve Contorno and Kate Sullivan, "Trump Says He Wouldn't Sign Federal Abortion Ban," [CNN](#), 4/10/24)

MYTH #7: Trump Colluded With Russia In The 2016 Presidential Election

The Facts:

In March 2019, Special Counsel Robert Mueller's Nearly Two-Year Probe Found No Adequate Evidence That Trump's Campaign Was Aided By Russia To Interfere In The Election. "Robert Mueller's nearly two-year Russia probe concluded without finding adequate evidence to show that officials with Donald Trump's presidential 2016 campaign aided Russian attempts to interfere with the election. 'The investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated with the Russian government in its election interference activities,' the special counsel wrote in his findings, which Attorney General William Barr released on Sunday in four-page summary form." (Darren Samuelsohn and Josh Gerstein, "Mueller Finds No Trump-Russia Conspiracy," [Politico](#), 3/24/19)

An August 2020 Senate Intelligence Committee's Bipartisan Report Found That There Was No Collusion Between Russia And The Trump Campaign. "Members of President Trump's 2016 campaign were in frequent contact with individuals linked to the Russian government, raising counterintelligence concerns at the time, but there is no evidence they colluded to influence the election, a Senate report revealed Tuesday. The findings were detailed in a nearly 1,000-page bipartisan report by the Senate Intelligence Committee, which conducted a three-year probe into Russia's 2016 election interference efforts." (Jeff Mordock, "Senate Intelligence Committee Finds No Collusion Between Russia, Trump Campaign," [The Washington Times](#), 8/18/20)

In May 2024, Special Prosecutor Robert Durham Ended The Trump, Russia Investigation. "A special prosecutor found that the FBI rushed into its investigation of ties between Russia and Donald Trump's 2016 campaign and relied too much on raw and unconfirmed intelligence as he concluded a four-year probe that fell far short of the former president's prediction that the 'crime of the century' would be uncovered. The report Monday from special counsel John Durham represents the long-awaited culmination of an investigation that Trump and allies had claimed would expose massive wrongdoing by law enforcement and intelligence officials." (Eric Tucker and Lindsay Whitehurst, "Special Prosecutor Ends Trump-Russia Investigation, Saying FBI Acted Hastily," [The Associated Press](#), 5/16/23)

"The Roughly 300-Page Report Catalogs What Durham Says Were A Series Of Missteps By The FBI And Justice Department As Investigators Undertook A Politically Explosive Probe In The Heat Of The 2016 Election Into Whether The Trump Campaign Was Colluding With Russia To Tip The Outcome." (Eric Tucker and Lindsay Whitehurst, "Special Prosecutor Ends Trump-Russia Investigation, Saying FBI Acted Hastily," [The Associated Press](#), 5/16/23)

"It Criticized The FBI For Opening A Full-Fledged Investigation Based On 'Raw, Unanalyzed And Uncorroborated Intelligence,' Saying The Speed At Which It Did So Was A Departure From The Norm." "It criticized the FBI for opening a full-fledged investigation based on 'raw, unanalyzed and uncorroborated intelligence,' saying the speed at which it did so was a departure from the norm. And it said investigators repeatedly relied on 'confirmation bias,' ignoring

or rationalizing away evidence that undercut their premise of a Trump-Russia conspiracy as they pushed the probe forward.” (Eric Tucker and Lindsay Whitehurst, “Special Prosecutor Ends Trump-Russia Investigation, Saying FBI Acted Hastily,” [The Associated Press](#), 5/16/23)

MYTH #8: Trump Called Neo-Nazis And White Supremacists “Very Fine People”

The Facts:

Biden In June 2024: “What American President Would Ever Say Nazis Coming Out Of Fields, Carrying Torches, Singing The Same Antisemitic Bile, Carrying Swastikas, Were Fine People?” (Joe Biden, [Remarks During The Presidential Debate](#), Atlanta, GA, 6/27/24)

In The Past, “Biden Has Wrongly Claimed” Trump Had Failed To Condemn White Supremacy And The Neo-Nazis When He Said Some Of Those Attending The 2017 Charlottesville Rally That There Were “Very Fine People On Both Sides.” “Former Vice President Joe Biden wrongly claimed President Donald Trump has ‘yet once to condemn white supremacy, the neo-Nazis.’ Trump drew criticism for his condemnation of ‘hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides’ after a rally organized by a white nationalist in Charlottesville in 2017, and for saying there were ‘very fine people on both sides.’” (Robert Farley, “Trump Has Condemned White Supremacists,” [FactCheck.org](#), 2/11/20)

“But, Contrary To Biden’s Claim, The President Twice Specifically Condemned White Supremacists And Neo-Nazis, And He Has Repeated That Condemnation Since.” (Robert Farley, “Trump Has Condemned White Supremacists,” [FactCheck.org](#), 2/11/20)

“Biden Went Too Far When He Said Trump Has ‘Yet Once To Condemn White Supremacy, The Neo-Nazis.’ “It’s Biden’s opinion that Trump’s comments have ‘given them oxygen,’ as he said. But Biden went too far when he said Trump has ‘yet once to condemn white supremacy, the neo-Nazis. He hasn’t condemned a darn thing.’ He has, although perhaps not as often or as quickly as Biden would like.” (Robert Farley, “Trump Has Condemned White Supremacists,” [FactCheck.org](#), 2/11/20)

MYTH 9: Trump Had No Plan To Tackle The COVID Pandemic

The Facts:

In 2020, Biden Said Trump Had “No Clear Plan” To Tackle The COVID-19 Pandemic. “At the final presidential debate, Democratic nominee Joe Biden warned Americans that it's going to be a ‘dark winter’ and said President Trump has ‘no clear plan’ to deal with the continuing coronavirus pandemic. COVID-19 has killed more than 220,000 Americans and sickened more than 7 million as some scientists have warned the current wave could be the ‘biggest wave’ of infections.” (Caitlin O’Kane, “We’re About To Go Into A Dark Winter’: Biden Says Trump Has No Plan For Coronavirus,” [CBS News](#), 10/23/20)

- **Biden: “A Dark Winter, And He Has No Clear Plan And There’s No Prospect That There’s Going To Be A Vaccine Available For The Majority Of The American People Before The Middle Of Next Year.”** “‘A dark winter, and he has no clear plan and there’s no prospect that there’s going to be a vaccine available for the majority of the American people before the middle of next year,’ Biden continued.” (Caitlin O’Kane, “We’re About To Go Into A Dark Winter’: Biden Says Trump Has No Plan For Coronavirus,” [CBS News](#), 10/23/20)

Trump’s COVID-19 “Plan Set The Stage For An Acceleration Of Vaccinations That Did Not Happen Solely Because Biden ‘Went Out And Bought Everything I Could Do.’” “Even so, the plan set the stage for an acceleration of vaccinations that did not happen solely because Biden ‘went out and bought everything I could do.’” (Amanda Seitz and Calvin Woodward, “AP FACT CHECK: Biden Overstates His Record On COVID Vaccine,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/22/21)

The First COVID-19 Vaccine Shots Were Administered To The Public Under Trump In December. “First, it’s not true that 2 million people had shots when he was elected in November. The COVID-19 vaccines were still awaiting emergency authorization then. The first shots were

administered to the public in mid-December.” (Amanda Seitz and Calvin Woodward, “AP FACT CHECK: Biden Overstates His Record On COVID Vaccine,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/22/21)

Trump’s Operation Warp Speed Was On Track To Have 40 Million Doses Of The Vaccine By The End Of That Month. “Operation Warp Speed is on track to have about 40 million doses of vaccine by the end of this month, of which about 20 million would be allocated for first vaccinations. Distribution of those doses would span into the first week of January. Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two shots to be fully effective.” (Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar, “Pfizer To Supply US With Additional 100M Doses Of Vaccine,” [The Associated Press](#), 12/23/20)

The Trump Administration Had Already Purchased 300 Million Doses Of The Vaccine In December 2020, Before Biden Took Office. “Nearly 16 million doses had been administered by Jan. 20, the day Biden took office. And Biden didn’t buy up all the doses — the Trump administration had purchased 300 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines from Pfizer and Moderna in December, weeks before Biden was inaugurated.” (Amanda Seitz and Calvin Woodward, “AP FACT CHECK: Biden Overstates His Record On COVID Vaccine,” [The Associated Press](#), 10/22/21)

Even Anthony Fauci Said The Biden Administration Wasn’t “Starting From Scratch” In Distributing The Vaccine. “Anthony Fauci said the Biden administration is not starting from square one on its COVID-19 vaccine distribution, contradicting reports that Trump officials did not leave them with a plan. ‘We’re certainly not starting from scratch, because there is activity going on in the distribution,’ Fauci told reporters during an appearance in the White House briefing room.” (Nathaniel Weixel, “Fauci: We Are Not ‘Starting From Scratch’ On Vaccine Distribution,” [The Hill](#), 1/21/21)

- **Fauci Also Indicated That Trump Left The “Blueprint.”** “The nation’s top infectious diseases expert indicated that the Trump administration left a blueprint, but Biden officials will build on it.” (Nathaniel Weixel, “Fauci: We Are Not ‘Starting From Scratch’ On Vaccine Distribution,” [The Hill](#), 1/21/21)

MYTH #10: Trump Threatens There Will Be A “Bloodbath” If He Loses The Election

The Facts:

Biden In June 2024: “And Now He Says If He Loses Again, Such A Whiner That He Is, That There Could Be A Bloodbath.” (Joe Biden, [Remarks During The Presidential Debate](#), Atlanta, GA, 6/27/24)

Trump Was “Clearly Using The Term In The Context Of An Economic Bloodbath.” “While speaking about the potential loss of U.S. auto manufacturing jobs to foreign countries, former President Donald Trump said if he isn’t elected, ‘it’s going to be a bloodbath for the country.’ President Joe Biden’s campaign quickly accused Trump of fomenting ‘political violence.’ The Trump campaign said Trump was clearly using the term in the context of an economic bloodbath.” (Robert Farley, “Trump’s ‘Bloodbath’ Comment,” [FactCheck.org](#), 3/18/24)

FactCheck.org: Trump Spokesman’s Explanation That He Was Talking About The Auto Industry And Tariffs “Seems The Most Plausible.” “‘If you actually watch and listen to the section, he was talking about the auto industry and tariffs,’ Steven Cheung, a spokesman for Trump’s campaign, told the Washington Post, adding that ‘Biden’s policies will create an economic bloodbath for the auto industry and autoworkers.’ That explanation seems the most plausible, given the context of Trump’s comments.” (Robert Farley, “Trump’s ‘Bloodbath’ Comment,” [FactCheck.org](#), 3/18/24)

PolitiFact: Headlines Don’t Tell The Full Story As Numerous Outlets Explained Trump’s Comments Were In Context Related To The Auto Industry In Their Articles. Politicians, pundits and social media users debated Trump’s ‘bloodbath’ remark in the days following the speech. Some major news outlets including The New York Times, ABC and The Associated Press wrote that Trump warned of a ‘bloodbath’ in headlines without the auto industry context. Although the text of the articles explained the context, when headlines alone are shared on social media, it doesn’t tell the full story.” (Amy Sherman, “In Context: What Trump Said About A ‘Bloodbath’ And Biden’s Actions On The Car Industry,” [PolitiFact](#), 3/18/24)