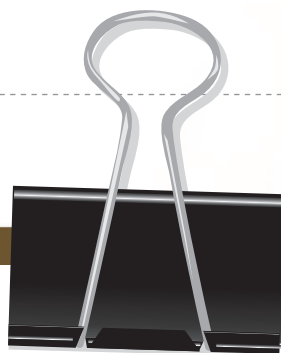


Report card

Here is a look at how US President Joe Biden has fared during his first 100 days in office, tackling challenges ranging from climate change to immigration reform to the pandemic.



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Tackling the war on Covid-19

- Assembled coronavirus task force and pushed for coronavirus legislation**
- Implemented a vaccination distribution plan**
 - About 96 million Americans – 29 per cent of the population – are fully vaccinated.
- Rejoined the World Health Organisation**

Make US international leader on climate change

- Rejoined 2015 Paris Agreement**
- Organised the two-day virtual Leaders Summit on Climate**
 - Also pledged to reduce US greenhouse gas emissions by at least half by 2030.

Saving the economy

- Passed American Rescue Plan**
 - Comprised a US\$1.9 trillion (S\$2.5 trillion) Covid-19 stimulus package.
- Announced two additional multitrillion-dollar plans**
 - One will strengthen the economy and infrastructure and create millions of jobs.
 - Another will address healthcare and education needs.

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Equality and policing

- Created a Cabinet that 'looks like America'**
 - Formed a Cabinet that is the most diverse in US history, with more women serving in his Cabinet than in any other recent administration and more than half being people of colour.
- Institute a national police oversight commission**
 - It was shelved earlier this month. Instead, the Biden administration will back a broad reform Bill known as the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, while revamping the Justice Department.
- Push Congress to pass the Safe Justice Act**
 - The Safe, Accountable, Fair and Effective (Safe) Justice Act will reduce the use of mandatory minimum sentencing for non-violent offences and institute policies geared at lowering recidivism.

Immigration

- Stopped construction of Trump's border wall**
 - Cancelled funding for the US-Mexico barrier intended to reduce illegal immigration.
- Reverse Trump administration's immigration policies**
 - Ended ban on travellers from some Muslim-majority countries.
 - Introduced legislation that would give immigrants citizenship, especially those brought into the US illegally as children.
 - Plan to freeze deportations for a 100-day moratorium blocked by court.

Foreign policy

- Announced plan to fully withdraw troops from Afghanistan**
 - US troop pullout set for Sept 11, ending 20 years of US military involvement in the country.
- Pledged to "pick up the pieces of Donald Trump's broken foreign policy"**
 - He is rebuilding ties with allies, but tensions still remain between the US and some adversaries.
 - Convened first summit of Quad countries – the US, Australia, Japan and India.
 - Sanctioned Russia over cyber hack and 2020 election interference.
 - Maintained trade tariffs on China, and increased pressure on China over its treatment of Uighurs in its Xinjiang province and its crackdown on democracy activists in Hong Kong.

Biden boasts steadiest approval rating on record for a president through 100 days in office.

Average approval ratings:

54.4%

His approval rating at this point beats former president Donald Trump's

42%

at the 100-day mark.

