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Biden's "American Rescue Plan" Pledges COVID-19 Relief to "Those Who Need It"

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Americans woke up Friday, February 5, to the news that President Joe Biden's multi-trillion-dollar COVID-19 relief spending spree had gathered steam, garnering the number of votes needed to pass the whopping $1.9 trillion stimulus package into law. Vice President Kamala Harris broke the 50-50 tie vote on the Senate floor at 5:35 a.m. Friday, moving Congress closer to final approval of the Biden administration's unconstitutional "American Rescue Plan."

> VP Harris gets applause on the senate floor after breaking the tie on the Covid relief bill pic.twitter.com/gEz9DrGwZp
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> — AreYouTheStan? (@areYouTheStan) February 5, 2021

Previous in-depth reporting by *The New American* shed light on Biden's exorbitant and expensive plan, which included unconstitutional provisions, such as "federal unemployment benefits, business loans and subsidies, and education and agriculture funds, all of which violate the 10th Amendment." Moreover, the plan called for "raising the federal minimum wage from $7.25 an hour to $15, an action that would only further damage the economy."

Debating and drafting through the night new amendments to be added to the bill, Republican senators were able to reach bipartisan agreement on a few items. Iowa Republican Senator Joni Ernst successfully united her colleagues across the aisles to block the increase to the minimum wage with Ernst Amendment #767, which "Prohibits the increase of the federal minimum wage during a global pandemic in relation to S.Con.Res.5, Sanders Budget Resolution."

> Tonight I got the entire Senate —Democrats and Republicans — to agree not to hike the federal minimum wage to $15 per hour during a global pandemic, which would kill jobs and destroy small businesses. https://t.co/otHBMQEsgJ
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> — Joni Ernst (@SenJoniErnst) February 5, 2021

However small, these are gains for Republicans, who hold the minority in both upper and lower chambers of Congress, narrowing the possibilities for the GOP to pass any bipartisan legislation.

With the federal government spending a staggering $6.6 trillion in the 2020 fiscal year, and that spending continuing to erupt in 2021, the dark cloud hovering over today's proceedings is the bill's

financial impact on everyday, hardworking Americans, who are now at the mercy of the government to provide answers.

In fact, today, Biden "explained" who will receive a stimulus check.

Earlier this month, White House Council of Economic Advisers member Heather Boushey said that deficit spending could cover the proposed package, but that it was "not tonight's problem." Clearly it is today's problem: The only way to increase revenue is to increase taxes. Hardworking Americans stand to lose the most by the passage of the not-so-aptly titled "American Rescue Plan."

In office less than a month, the Biden administration has managed to do extensive damage to the American economy and the American way of life.

As reported by the Daily Wire, the more than 40 executive orders Biden signed during his first week in office include U.S. taxpayer funding for abortions abroad, a reversal of Trump's immigration enforcement laws, the banning of new oil and natural gas leases on federal lands and in offshore waters, the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline, and an end to the "transgender ban" in the military.

Moreover, Biden has pushed through more legislation in his first seven days in office than his four predecessors did over the course of an entire year.

If House and Senate Democrats took their oath to uphold the Constitution seriously, they would vote against an abundance of the provisions outlined in this new plan. No virus should ever supersede the U.S. Constitution. Yet Congress's actions suggest that the Constitution, a document on which our country was founded and preserved, is merely a relic of the past that lawmakers refuse to defend.

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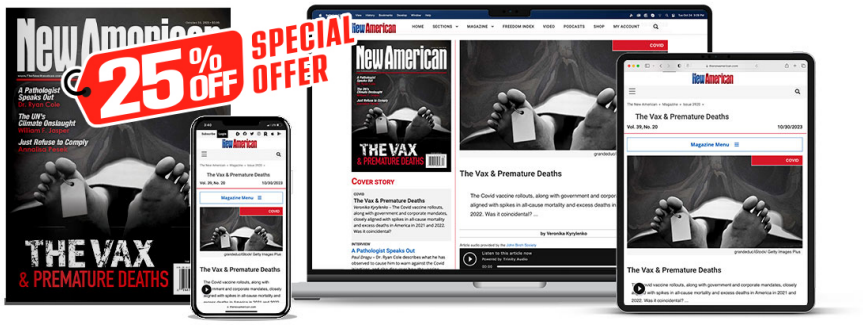

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