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Biden's Not Just "Better than the Alternative" He's Better than Most of His Predecessors¹

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When Joe Biden says, "Don't Compare Me to the Almighty, Compare Me to the Alternative," he is selling himself short, as does much of America.

Joe Biden is not just better than any Republican who might run against him – he's better than most of his predecessors in the Oval Office.

For starters, his jobs record is unparalleled. In less than 2½ years he's added ten times as many jobs as George W. Bush added in 8 years and nearly as many jobs as Reagan added in 8 years.

His legislative achievements would be impressive even if he had the Congressional majorities enjoyed by FDR, LBJ, and (in his first two years) Obama. With a 5-vote margin in the House and a dead tie in the Senate, these were passed without a single Republican vote:

- The American Rescue Plan Act jump-started his jobs engine, reduced childhood poverty by 35%, and provided \$360 billion to local governments to keep front-line workers on the job.
- The Inflation Reduction Act is the largest investment in Green Energy in the history of the country; Credit Suisse [estimates](#) that it will generate **\$1.7 trillion** in new investment within a decade. The IRA also eliminates the Bush-era prohibition on Medicare negotiating with drug companies to lower drug costs, caps insulin cost at \$35/month, and extends Affordable Care Act subsidies, providing a path to health insurance for millions more Americans.

Biden also made good on his promise to enact bipartisan legislation.

- The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is the largest long-term investment in infrastructure and the economy in American history.
- The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is the first gun safety legislation in nearly three decades.
- The PACT Act is the biggest expansion of veterans' benefits in over three decades and provides medical care for veterans exposed to toxic chemicals.
- The CHIPS Act invests in microchip production to make America more competitive with China and reduce our reliance on foreign sources for a vital component used by the defense industry. The Act has already sparked \$200 billion in private investments in the United States.

Americans, including far too many Democrats, underrate Biden because negative news and scary

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news attract more eyeballs than good news.

Stop obsessing on Biden's age and start focusing on what he can accomplish in a second term and how we can help reelect him. And if anyone expresses doubts about Kamala, ask them to compare her not only to the alternative but *her* predecessors.

