

Subject: Re: Public Records Request (AZ-GOV-22-0401)
Date: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 8:01:13 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Morgan Carr
To: AO Records
CC: Communications@az.gov
Attachments: American Oversight - Comms w Trump MAGA Action AFPI AZGOP.pdf

EXTERNAL SENDER

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached responsive records to your request. Thank you!

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Morgan Carr | Office of Arizona Governor Doug Ducey

Deputy Communications Director

E: mcarr@az.gov

On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 12:44 PM Morgan Carr <mcarr@az.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon,

We have received your request and are processing. Please let us know if you have questions in the meantime.

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On Mon, Apr 25, 2022 at 12:00 PM AO Records <records@americanoversight.org> wrote:

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Arizona's Public Records Law.

Sincerely,

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Marwah Adhoob

Pronouns: she/her

Paralegal

American Oversight

records@americanoversight.org

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PRR: AZ-GOV-22-0401

From: Brooke Rollins <president@emailamericafirstpolicy.com>
Sent: 11/7/2021 5:04:41 PM
To: bconley@az.gov
Subject: President Donald J. Trump's Remarks at the America First Experience & Gala

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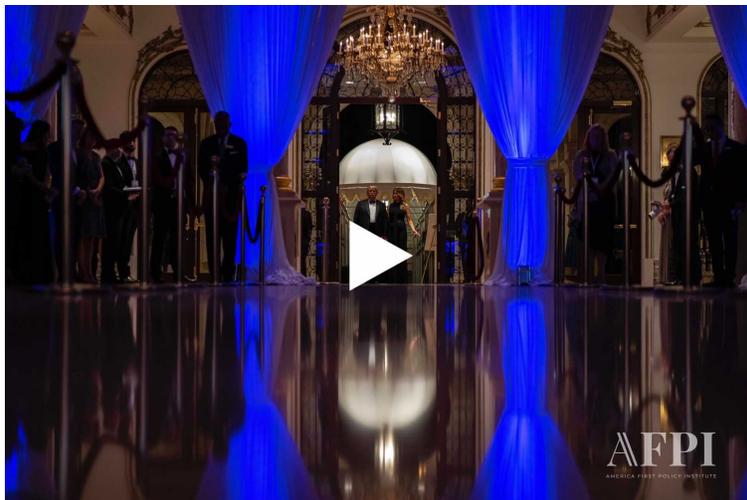
Friend,

The America First movement is everywhere. It's in our small towns. It's in our homes. It's in our hearts and dreams. It's the stuff of our hopes and the core of our values — and it is the country's future.

On one extraordinary evening this past week, the America First movement coalesced at the home, and in the presence, of the man who created and catalyzed it: President Donald J. Trump. Joined by champions, thinkers, heroes, and luminaries of the America First movement, the President came to the America First Policy Institute's first annual gala with a message — and a heart for America's fight:

"We want our children to be taught to be proud of their history, and to be grateful for our priceless American heritage ... We put our trust in God, not government. We believe in sovereignty, not globalism. And we believe in freedom, not socialism."

Close in the wake of Tuesday's tremendous election victories, Thursday's gathering of the America First movement was a resounding note: that the work is already bearing fruit — and also that it has only just begun.



If you were with us, you know what it was like. If you weren't, then please enjoy this video of the President's remarks. We hope you can join us next year. For us at the America First Policy Institute, just 250 days in, we are at the end of the beginning — and what a beginning it's been.

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To: bconley@az.gov
Subject: Support America First! ♦♦♦♦♦♦♦♦



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Friend,

November 30th is **Giving Tuesday**, an international day of giving fueled by the power of *generosity*.

As we approach this Giving Tuesday, we humbly ask you to donate to the **America First Policy Institute**. All of the funds raised are **tax deductible** and will go directly to advancing policies that prioritize the American interest and make it a better place for every citizen.

DONATE NOW

Your support will help AFPI:

- ➡ **Secure our elections: making it **easy to vote but hard to cheat** as we approach the 2022 midterms.**
- ➡ **Promote an America First immigration system and **prioritize border security** as one of the most vital elements of American security to eliminate human trafficking.**
- ➡ **Push **innovation in the American energy industry** to make us fully independent from oil-producing countries like Russia, Venezuela, and Iran.**

➡ **And much, much more.**

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Subject: Saluting our Veterans ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆◆

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Friend,

It's a day to remember — and to give thanks. Veterans Day is not a holiday like any other. It is one of *three* public holidays for the commemoration of the Americans who defend America.

For the fallen, Memorial Day.

For those still serving, Armed Forces Day.

For those who served, today: Veterans Day.

Three commemorations for America's defenders may seem like a lot. The truth is it isn't enough. Service to our country for the past two and a half centuries has too often meant hardship and sacrifice — often including the ultimate sacrifice. In its most benign form, it has meant long separation from loved ones, or the challenges of raising a family on inadequate government pay and benefits.

In its most extreme form, it has meant enduring things most of us never think of facing: A fearful night patrol in the highlands around Pleiku. Freezing in the snowy wastes of the Chosin, or Marye's Heights. Wading onto a fire-strewn beach at Tarawa. Staring down bayonets at Bunker Hill.

We ask Americans to do these things, to serve, and sometimes to die, for America. At some points in our history, we have had a draft to fill those ranks. But here is the remarkable thing about our republic: the overwhelming number of Americans who have served, in the past two hundred fifty years, have been *volunteers*.

They saw something worth defending in America. Something worth themselves. That's them doing their part. Our part is to remember, sustain, and expand that thing worth themselves. We honor them most when we deserve them most.





Today is Veterans Day, Friend. At the America First Policy Institute, we remember. We know you do too.

If you served: thank you.

If you did not, please join us in thanking them.

Let's keep this a country worth their sacrifice.

In gratitude —



Brooke Rollins
President & CEO
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PS — You absolutely cannot miss reading this opinion piece in Fox News from General Kellogg about how veterans can remind us of how to love our country, again.

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Sent: 11/12/2021 11:55:19 AM
To: Miles Johnson <mjohnson@americafirstpolicy.com>
Subject: America First Policy Institute on Inflation and Workforce Development

Good afternoon,

With the latest Consumer Price Index numbers being released this week, I wanted to share the latest [inflation blog](#) released by the America First Policy Institute.

Here are the topline:

- Consumer prices, as of October, have risen by 6.2 percent over the past year—the fastest pace since 1990.
- Small businesses are facing even faster inflation, with the producer price index increasing by 8.6 percent in the past year.
- Americans' paychecks have failed to keep pace, with the average family facing an inflation tax of \$620 this year that is growing by the month. This inflation tax disproportionately hurts the poor, making it more difficult for lower income families to make ends meet.
- The big government socialism bill threatens to add fuel to the fire both by constraining supply through tax increases, anti-growth regulations, and work disincentives while also injecting more stimulus into the economy.

Also, today we released a research paper on [state workforce development policy](#) that may be of interest to your team.

Please let me know if you have any questions on these topics and if we can be a resource to your office.

Thank you,
Miles Johnson

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From: Pam Bondi <clp.bondi@emailamericafirstpolicy.com>
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Subject: ♦♦♦♦ Join us Tuesday: Fight Against Vax Mandates & Big Tech Lawsuit Update



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It is essential to protect ALL Americans' right to make their own healthcare decisions without risk of losing their job! Join us next week to see how you can join the movement.

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Subject: Happy Thanksgiving from the America First Policy Institute



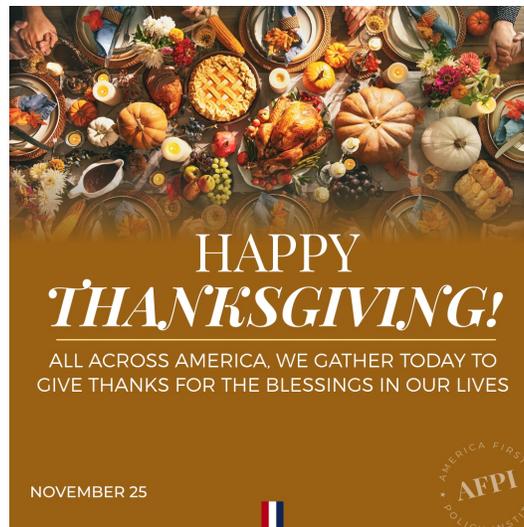
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Dear Friend,

On this Thanksgiving, there is a lot for which I'm thankful: family, friends, faith, this great country. And I'm thankful for one other big thing:

The America First Policy Institute is 240 days in.

What is the significance of 240 days? It's an unusual marker for an anniversary. It's more than six months, and considerably less than a year. But I'm marking it now because it falls alongside a holiday meant for gratitude — and good heavens, we have so much to be grateful for.



In just 240 days, what have we done? We've launched one of the most consequential policy organizations in America. We've taken on Big Tech head-on. We've seized back the narrative on a dozen fronts, from minorities in America, to crime, to national security, and beyond — and we're just getting started. We've gathered together the leadership of the American future at our first-ever annual gala. We've launched a C4 that will bring forth action from our ideas. We've been in media from coast to coast, from local outlets to the largest networks.

Most policy organizations would regard this as a strong record of achievement. For AFPI, it's a good start.

And we've done it all while America has endured a year like no other. Tragedy

upon tragedy has beset our country in this opening year of the Biden Administration, from lost wars, to national humiliations, to economic breakdowns, to monetary inflation, to the specter of civic violence, and more. It's made the more terrible with the realization that all this is simply the record of this President's first year: he has three to go.

There is a better way, for our country and our countrymen. AFPI is lighting the path.

I'm thankful for all of it. I'm thankful to our Board, whose counsel, vision, and support make it all possible. I'm thankful to our Center chairmen, who do the hard work of shaping the American future in their spheres. I'm thankful for the veterans of the Trump White House, whose moral and spiritual counsel continues to guide and sustain us. I'm thankful for President Donald J. Trump, who brought us all together — and whose achievements and vision animate us still.

And of course, I'm thankful for you: a fellow American, a fellow warrior in the fight for our country. It's company I'm glad to keep. And it's a mission I wouldn't miss.

We are 240 days in — and it is just the beginning.

For America,



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Sent: 12/7/2021 5:03:06 PM
To: bconley@az.gov
Subject: Putting Freedom First 



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Friend,

As we approach the end of 2021, the America First Policy Institute asks you to donate one last time to help us meet our end-of-year goal. [Make your tax-deductible donation to AFPI here >>>](#)

Your support has *already* helped AFPI promote the America First policies that put **your freedoms** above the power-hungry wants of D.C. elites.

Next year, we will continue our work and *more*, but we **need your support**:

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Donate Any Amount

In 2022, we will *continue* to fight for American prosperity by restoring the **free enterprise** system of the United States, putting **citizens before corporations**, and lifting up **the forgotten men and women** of this country.

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From: Brooke Rollins <president@emailamericafirstpolicy.com>
Sent: 12/10/2021 5:42:14 PM
To: bconley@az.gov
Subject: Congrats to one of our own - the amazing Coach Lou Holtz!



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Friend,

Last night, the National College Football Awards Association honored one of the great Americans of our time, and one of my closest friends, Coach Lou Holtz — a leader, a mentor, and a patriot — with the Contributions to College Football Award. The award's name doesn't quite capture the reasons he received it. Lou Holtz, after all, did not so much *contribute* to college football as he *defined* it. When the history of his sport is written in generations to come, his name will not be attached to a team nearly as much as it will invoke an era.



Today, Coach Lou Holtz leads a new team. At the America First Policy Institute, he brings his inspiration, his passion, and his patriotism to securing the American future. As Chairman of our Center for 1776, he leads the fight against the forces that diminish and disparage our inheritance — and he brings to that task the same winning spirit he brought to the gridiron.

A special congratulations to my sweet friend Coach Holtz for a well-deserved recognition by his peers in the football world. We know that it's just the beginning for him: because the day will come when all Americans remember him with gratitude, not for winning a game, but for winning the country.

We love you Coach!!



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To: bconley@az.gov
Subject: Exciting Announcement from America First: Tomorrow at 3 PM!



Dear Friend,

America First Policy Institute (AFPI) is proud to announce its latest effort, **America First Works** (AFW) a 501c (4) advocacy organization that aims to move the transformative AFPI agenda.

By implementing AFPI's America First policies in the states, AFW will fight to transfer power back to the American people and away from government by engaging in grassroots advocacy to affect change at all levels of government.

Please join us for a conference call **Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 3:00 PM ET** to learn about our vision and operational goals for AFW. During this call, you will hear from me, Ashley Hayek, AFW's Executive Director, and Martin Gillespie, AFPI's Chief Development Officer, as they highlight how AFW plans to mobilize Americans passionate about the America First agenda in their states.

RSVP NOW!

AFW will fight for a pro-America America where freedom, equality, and justice continue to be the foundation of our Republic for generations to come.

We look forward to hearing from you soon!

America First!



Brooke Rollins
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Subject: AFPI is Fighting for Election Integrity 🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸🇺🇸



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Friend,

You already know what Joe Biden, Kamala Harris, and the D.C. Left are doing: desperately trying to salvage the remains of their agenda and their legacy with a longshot bid at making it easy to cheat in elections. That is the bad news. The good news is they will not succeed. They will not succeed because of their own fractious coalition and their governing incompetence.

Americans are noticing. In yesterday's Quinnipiac poll, President Biden's support topped out at a mere 33%. That is a disastrous collapse of confidence, numbers so low that you must lose a war and preside over an economic collapse at the same time to get there. Well, Joe Biden did it. Years back, Barack Obama is reported to have warned Democrats to "never underestimate Joe Biden's ability to [foul] things up." (He didn't say "foul," but this is a family-friendly publication.) They should have listened then. What is for sure is that they will never underestimate President Biden's capacity to fail again.

As the Biden-Harris regime slips into irrelevance, not even a full year into its term, the America First Policy Institute is standing up—and charting a future toward the America and the leadership we deserve. We are out today in the media and the public with an array of comments and critiques of the Biden-Harris Administration's election scheme, including [What Rick Perry has in Common with Stacey Abrams](#), [The Radical Left's Latest Attempt to Undermine Our Democracy](#), and a [Statement by Dr. Alveda King & Ambassador Ken Blackwell on Biden-Harris Speech Regarding the Freedom to Cheat Act](#).

All this is just the beginning for us. The Biden Administration is flawed and unpopular with the American people, and we are happy to point out how and why. But that is not enough for America or us. We are responsible for creating and advancing a positive alternative—and we are doing it. Someday, sooner rather than later, the inept circus of this White House will end. When it does, Americans will demand and deserve governance that is competent, visionary, swift, and sure. They will get it then because AFPI is working now.

Enjoy these pieces, and feel free to share them. We are so grateful for your support. And we are incredibly thankful to serve this great country.

Thank you,



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Subject: Join us TOMORROW at 2 PM: Discussing President Biden's Disastrous First Year in Office



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Friend,

From 2017 to 2020, our Nation witnessed firsthand a leader and an administration that fought for the American people. Giving up was *never* an option. Instead, driven by fierce tenacity, our country experienced unprecedented success:

- We achieved the lowest unemployment rates in decades for women, African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Native Americans, veterans, individuals with disabilities, and those without a high school diploma;
- Delivered a national security policy that accomplished peace through strength;
- Secured our Nation's borders;
- Saw violent crime rates fall for 3 years in a row;
- Experienced an incredible economic boom that benefitted those from every walk of life;
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- Unequivocally stood and fought for religious freedom, not just in America, but around the world, holding countries accountable for religious persecution;
- And so much more.

In the past 365 days, we watched it all unwind. Today, the Biden Administration's failed border security policies have resulted in the worst self-inflicted crisis on our Nation's southern border ever. Their failures on the world stage have imperiled Americans' security, diminished America's credibility and standing, and destabilized the world in unprecedented ways. In addition, they took a steadily rebounding economy and have left American workers in the dust and American families struggling with high inflation.

While it has been excruciating to watch, we want to offer you not only hope but a promise. The America First Policy Institute (AFPI) team, comprised of

the best and brightest from the Trump Administration, will *never, ever stop fighting for you.*

Please join Secretary Chad Wolf, Secretary David Bernhardt, Administrator Linda McMahon, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi, and me tomorrow at 2:00 PM ET to hear how AFPI will continue to deliver the policies to the American people.

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The leaders of AFPI come from an administration that worked for the people. We know how to develop policies at all levels of government. We have made tremendous strides in the last 9 months:

- We have taken on Big Tech and since then over 100,000 Americans have come forward to us with their stories of censorship;
- Created 22 policy centers that are leading the charge on the America First agenda;
- Launched the Save America Coalition, in partnership with over 65 conservative organizations, to highlight the bad policies in the \$4 trillion Big Government Socialism Bill pushed by President Biden and the Far Left;
- Launched our sister 501(c)4 organization, America First Works, to advance policy at all levels of government and engage the American people;
- Joined the fight for fair elections to ensure sound policies that make it easy to vote but hard to cheat;
- Launched a school-board effort on patriotic education to drive curriculum transparency and accountability with local school leaders;
- Built a litigation presence across the nation, including a focus on protecting American workers and businesses from President Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandate;
- Hosted the first America First Leaders Summit with mayors, county commissioners and sheriffs from across the country who are actively promoting the America First agenda in their communities;
- Created the AFPI Ambassador Program with over 25 ambassadors nationally to help amplify America First messages to win hearts and minds;
- And so much more.

We are just getting started.

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In the past 365 days, we watched it all unwind. Today, the Biden Administration's failed border security policies have resulted in the worst self-inflicted crisis on our Nation's southern border ever. Their failures on the world stage have imperiled Americans' security, diminished America's credibility and standing, and destabilized the world in unprecedented ways. In addition, they took a steadily rebounding economy and have left American workers in the dust and American families struggling with high inflation.

While it has been excruciating to watch, we want to offer you not only hope but a promise. The America First Policy Institute (AFPI) team, comprised of

the best and brightest from the Trump Administration, will *never, ever stop fighting for you.*

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- Created 22 policy centers that are leading the charge on the America First agenda;
- Launched the Save America Coalition, in partnership with over 65 conservative organizations, to highlight the bad policies in the \$4 trillion Big Government Socialism Bill pushed by President Biden and the Far Left;
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- Launched a school-board effort on patriotic education to drive curriculum transparency and accountability with local school leaders;
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Good afternoon,

Today, the America First Policy Institute released a [report](#) following the announcement of January's CPI numbers. Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can ever be of assistance.

The Biden Administration's Inflation Tax Continues to Take a Bite Out of Americans' Paychecks

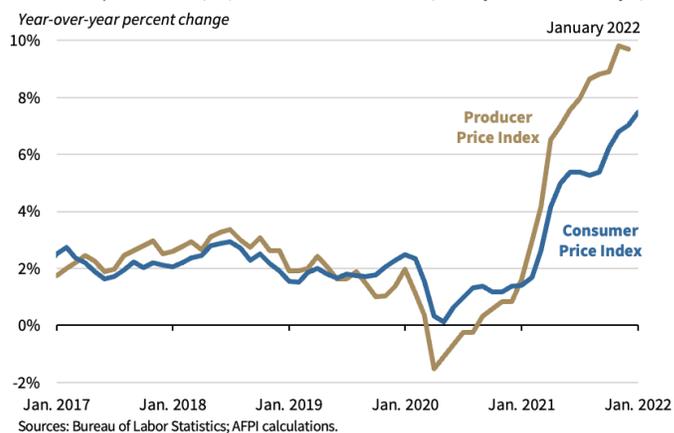
Key Takeaways:

- According to just released data, the consumer price index (CPI) rose by 7.5 percent year-over-year in January, making consumer inflation the highest in forty years.
- This inflation has eroded the value of the average worker paycheck by 1.7 percent, amounting to over an \$800 inflation tax since this inflationary episode started—a tax that is disproportionately borne by low-income Americans and seniors living on fixed incomes.
- In contradiction to President Biden's promise, Americans earning under \$400,000 have suffered from a large inflation-induced tax hike.
- The latest release in January of producer price index (PPI) data from December shows that small businesses continue to confront nearly double-digit producer inflation—with the PPI rising by 9.7 percent year-over-year—putting consumers at continued risk as small businesses will ultimately pass on higher costs.
- Given the Biden Administration's AWOL response to inflation, the Federal Reserve has indicated it will have to act on its own to contain inflation by more aggressively raising interest rates. This tough medicine—made necessary by the neglect and recklessness of the Biden Administration's fiscal policies—has already caused mortgage rates to rise by nearly a percentage point recently, adding \$150/month in costs for a \$300,000 mortgage.

Generally considered a "hidden tax" that families did not internalize when it was low and stable, inflation has surged with a vengeance since the Biden Administration's American Rescue Plan Act went into effect in early 2021, exacting a steep toll on Americans' pocketbooks. According to [just released](#) data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shown in figure 1, the consumer price index (CPI) increased 7.5 percent year-over-year in January, meaning that consumer inflation is the highest it's been since February 1982.

Figure 1. Inflation Reaches 40-Year Highs

Consumer price inflation (CPI) was 7.5% year-over-year in January, the highest since Feb 1982.
 Producer price inflation (PPI) was 9.7% in December 2021 (January data not released yet).



Paychecks have failed to keep pace with this rapid inflation, with the average worker experiencing a 1.7 percent cut to their real wage. This loss of purchasing power amounts to more than an \$800 inflation tax, violating the Biden Administration's false [pledge](#) to shield people earning less than \$400,000 from tax hikes. In fact, contrary to progressives' "tax the rich" class warfare rhetoric, it is [low-income workers](#) and seniors living on fixed incomes who are most [under siege](#) from inflation.

Based on the latest producer price index (PPI) data from December [released](#) last month, small businesses are also suffering under the yolk of nearly double-digit price increases, with producer inflation registering an astounding 9.7 percent year-over-year. This inflation is problematic in its own right for businesses that ordinarily operate on small margins, creating financial strain especially for small family-run businesses and local "Mom and Pop shops" that lack abundant cash reserves and readily available access to capital. This steep producer inflation is also a bad omen for the future if small businesses are forced to pass along higher costs to consumers.

The Biden Administration has gone AWOL in its response to this prolonged episode of dangerously high inflation. First, it resorted to [historical musings](#) on past inflation. After inflation proved more persistent than expected, the Biden Administration then opted to engage in tortured logic to explain why [doubling down](#) on the same policies that helped fuel inflation over the past year by flooding markets with deficit spending while simultaneously disincentivizing supply would be the antidote to that inflation. Given this void of positive fiscal policy leadership, the Federal Reserve has been jolted into taking more aggressive action on the monetary policy side, indicating in recent statements that it plans to accelerate the timetable for interest rate increases and the winding down of its balance sheet, which means higher borrowing costs for families.

This "tough medicine" would not be so necessary had Congress and the Biden Administration spent 2021 implementing fiscally sound policies that boosted the productive supply-side capacity of the economy by alleviating labor shortages and supply chain disruptions rather than stoking and neglecting them. Already, [mortgage rates](#) have risen by nearly a percentage point over the past year, with most of the increase taking place over the past few months as markets began to digest the reality that inflation was not transitory and that Federal Reserve actions to increase interest rates—rather than pro-growth fiscal policy—were going to be the only policies offered to bring inflation back under control. For Americans contemplating buying a house, not only has inflation reduced the purchasing power of their paycheck, but the surge in mortgage rates adds \$150/month for a \$300,000 mortgage.

The one piece of good news Americans have going for them is that the expiration of the anti-work, anti-supply-side fiscal policies from 2021 appears to be bearing fruit, with workers now returning to the [labor force](#) at a pace not seen throughout all of 2021. Whether this means the end of the labor shortage is near or not remains to be seen, but if so, it could provide relief on the inflation front as the economy shifts to accommodating demand with more production rather than price increases. The pace of the recovery will likely depend in significant part on whether tax hikes, work disincentives, and the raft of other harmful, supply crimping policies from the Build Back Better package, known also as the Big Government Socialism Bill are pushed. Americans' paychecks and the affordability of products Americans require depend on it.



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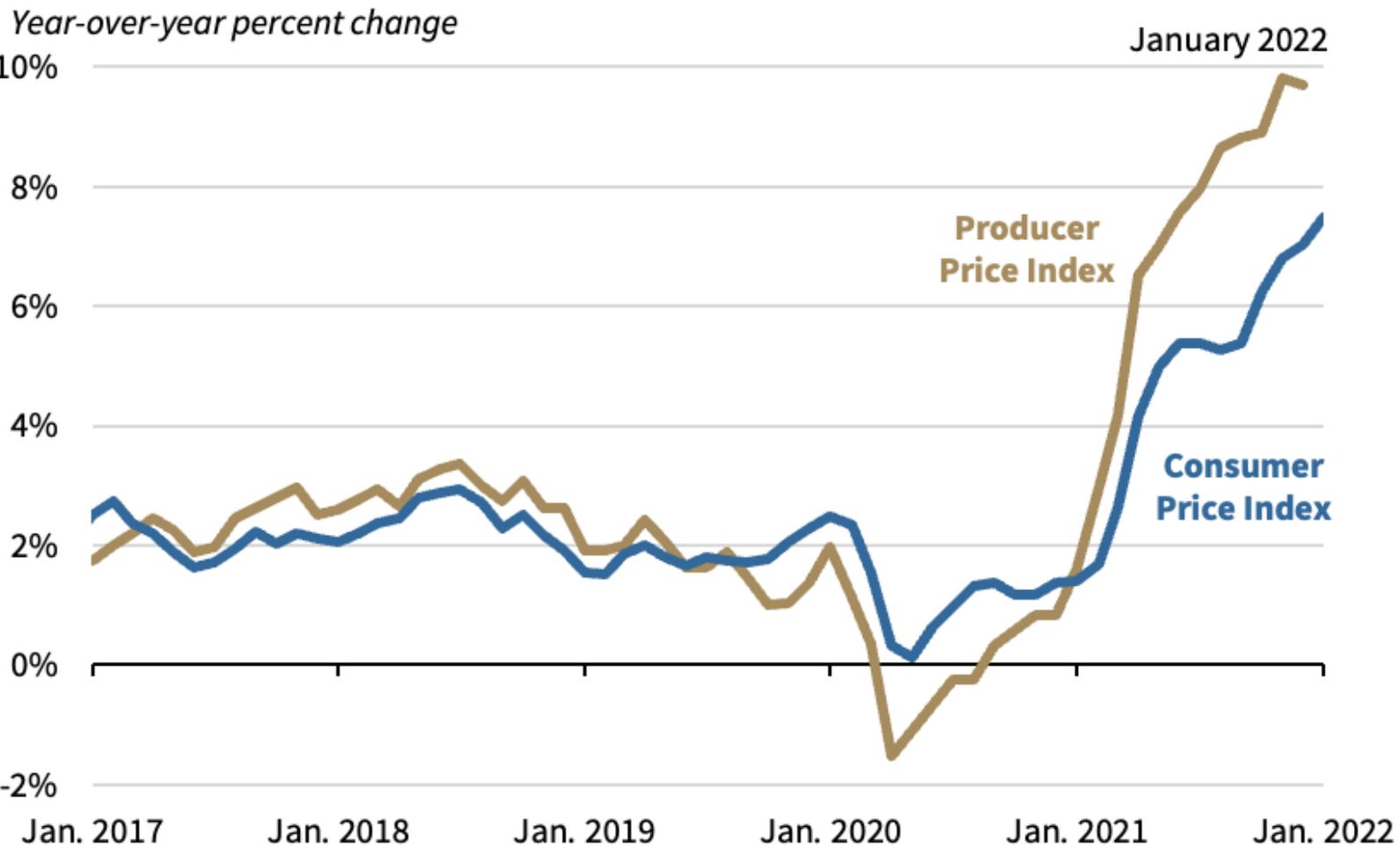
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Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; AFPI calculations.













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Friend,

I hope you will take a moment to read my new Washington Times op-ed on the state of President Biden's America. Last week, he attempted to use his State of the Union address to distract from the many problems the country is now facing, but two new polls show just how much the American people are disappointed with his Administration and its radical left policies. Even as American citizens deal with rising inflation and countless other concerns, I outline why we can be and should be hopeful for the future of our great Nation.

Thank you for your continued support, Friend. The fight for America continues!

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The state of Joe Biden's United States

By Brooke Rollins in [The Washington Times](#)

President Biden delivered his first State of the Union address this week, and its theatrics proved a testament to his disastrous first year in office. Frightened by the twin specters of continued protests against draconian COVID-19 mandates and general American disapproval, his administration caused the United States Capitol to be ringed with new fencing — and they've put the National Guard on alert. Perhaps nothing synthesizes the capsizing vessel that is the Biden White House than this: They're building a fortress around the seat of the American people's government but refuse to protect our nation's southern border.

The sense of dread felt by the president's apparatus is justified because Americans deeply dislike the president. A pair of new polls tell the tale.

One of them, from NBC/PBS NewsHour/Marist, puts the president at a mere 39% approval. That approval number is smaller than the lone strong-disapproval cohort, which sits at 41% — with 55% disapproving at large. All the subject-matter indicators are similarly bad. Only 36% approve of Mr.

Biden's economic record. A stunning 67%, more than two-thirds of Americans, believe the country is going in the wrong direction.

Among Americans at large, 56% consider his first year in office to be a failure. That last number gets more interesting when you break it down: Mr. Biden's first year is a failure according to 61% of whites, 28% of Blacks and 56% of Hispanics. Every single age and area cohort puts up a majority believing he's failed.

We should pause here to reflect on what these figures mean. Sentiment figures are not predictive of election or candidate-preference outcomes, but they are suggestive. What these numbers suggest, especially as the president is the de facto stand-in for national Democrats, is that Democrats won't win nationally again for a generation. This may seem like hyperbole, but the numbers alone bear it on the race/ethnicity figures. A Democratic candidate who loses more than a quarter of the black vote, and a majority of the Hispanic vote, isn't going anywhere. A Democratic candidate who squanders the usual Democratic advantage among young voters isn't going anywhere.

An alert observer might note that this is consistent with the unfolding reorientation of the Democratic coalition toward a mostly white, mostly college-educated core demographic. That's probably accurate. But that even among them, Biden's year-one failure is stark: He loses a majority of men and musters only a plurality among women. This is a coalition in collapse.

The other poll, from WaPo/ABC, offers even worse news in its approval rating for the president. It sits at a historic low of 37%. A figure this low in the era of modern polling usually represents the nadir of a president's fortunes. It also usually requires something catastrophic to have occurred that imparts upon the Nation a sense of humiliation. That's why, according to Gallup's numbers, President Lyndon B. Johnson got into this territory after Tet, and President Ronald Reagan got into it after the Beirut massacre. Mr. Biden has his own foreign-policy disasters to answer for — chief among them the American defeat in Afghanistan and the failure to prevent the Russian war upon Ukraine — but that is hardly the whole bill of indictment against him.

This second poll also illuminates the first's picture of a collapsing Democratic coalition with sentiment numbers speaking directly to their likely electoral consequences. With midterm elections rapidly approaching, Americans prefer Republican control of Congress by a bare majority. They intend to vote for a Republican Congressional candidate by a seven-point plurality. They give the Republicans just shy of a 20-point advantage in efficacy on the economy.

What does all this mean? A presidential-approval rating isn't a baseball score. It signifies something consequential — not just about the state of the president, but about the state of America. Just over a year after Mr. Biden took office, the country he helms is suffering thanks to his leadership or absence thereof. We have endured defeat abroad, war in Europe, economic insecurity, a historical border crisis, generational inflation and more. The kicker to it is he's just getting started: This is only year one, and this administration will last through to January 2025.

The good news, though, is that if the State of the Union is tested and divided, then the state of America is strong — because unlike their fenced-in and heavily guarded elites in Washington, Americans are strong. It's easy to look at our leadership and feel despair, but that would be a mistake. All we need to do is look to one another to feel hope. This country isn't done yet. The greatest legacy of the failed administration of Jimmy Carter is it ushered in the freedom, hope and prosperity of Reagan. Similarly, I am confident Mr. Biden will usher in the return of America First!

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Good afternoon — On behalf of the America First Policy Institute, I wanted to share our [latest blog](#) following the release of yesterday's consumer price index (CPI). Also, attached is a one-pager from AFPI, produced alongside the Texas Public Policy Foundation, on the importance of unleashing American energy independence in the midst of the ongoing Ukraine crisis.

Please let me know if you would like to connect with any of the policy experts on our team.

Thanks,
Miles Johnson

Americans' Inflation Nightmare Continues

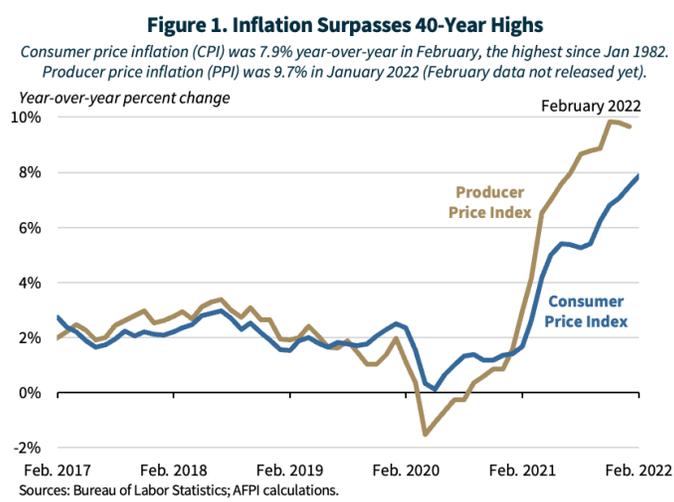
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Key Takeaways:

- According to just-released data, the consumer price index (CPI) rose by 7.9% year-over-year in February, surpassing 40-year highs for consumer inflation.
- In February, gasoline, shelter, and food were the largest contributors to inflation, which does not fully incorporate the steep rise in gasoline prices in recent weeks. Since January 2021, **the average price of gasoline in the United States has risen from \$2.38 per gallon to \$4.32**, an 82% increase.
- This inflation has eroded the value of the average worker's paycheck by 2.6%, amounting to nearly a \$1,000 inflation tax since this inflationary episode started — a tax disproportionately borne by low-income Americans and seniors living on fixed incomes.
- The latest release in January of producer price index (PPI) data shows that small businesses continue to confront nearly double-digit producer inflation — with the PPI rising by 9.7% year-over-year — putting consumers at continued risk small businesses will ultimately pass on higher costs.
- In light of the Biden Administration's ineffective response to inflation, the Federal Reserve has indicated that it alone will have to take painful action to contain inflation by aggressively raising interest rates, making borrowing more expensive for families while the Federal Government continues to spend trillions of dollars it does not have.

Inflation has surged with a vengeance since the Biden Administration's American Rescue Plan Act went into effect in early 2021, exacting a steep toll on Americans' pocketbooks. According to [just-released](#) data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics shown in figure 1, the CPI increased 7.9% year-over-year in February, meaning that consumer inflation is the highest it's been since January 1982.

To put these numbers in context, we have seen prices rise more in the 13 months of the Biden Administration than we observed over the entire 48 months of the Trump Administration. From January 2017 to January 2021, prices rose an average of 1.86% per year for a total of 7.63% for the full 4 years. In just the 13 months since January 2021, prices have risen 8.38%.

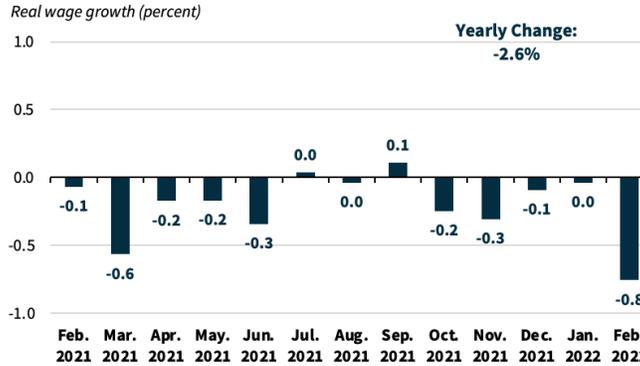


The largest component of the increase in consumer prices in February was the significant rise in energy costs. Gasoline prices alone rose 6.6% in February 2022 — which does not include the further steep increases in recent weeks — as Americans face the consequences of the Biden Administration's ongoing war on American energy that has strategically weakened the U.S., limited our ability to support our allies, and financed Putin's aggression in Ukraine. Since the president took office, **the average national price for a gallon of gas has risen from \$2.38 per gallon to \$4.32**, an 82% increase.

Paychecks have failed to keep pace with this rapid inflation, with the average worker experiencing a 2.6% cut to their real wage. During the inflationary episode, the loss of purchasing power amounts to nearly

a \$1,000 inflation tax on the Biden Administration's false [pledge](#) to shield people earning less than \$400,000 from tax hikes. In fact, [low-income workers](#) and seniors living on fixed incomes [suffer most](#) from inflation.

Figure 2. Inflation Eroding Americans' Purchasing Power



Sources: Bureau of Labor Statistics; AFPI calculations.
 Note: Values are the month over month real wage growth as measured by the average hourly wage and adjusted to real terms using the Consumer Price Index (CPI), seasonally adjusted.

Based on the latest producer price index (PPI) data from January [released](#) last month, small businesses are also feeling the pressure of nearly double-digit price increases, with producer inflation coming in at 9.7% year-over-year. This inflation creates financial strain and is a warning sign for consumers if small businesses are forced to pass along these higher costs.

As Tyler Goodspeed, Acting Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors under President Trump, [testified to Congress this week](#), “the increase in the year-over-year core inflation rate in the United States is almost quintuple that in the Euro area... a key difference between the United States and other major economies is that U.S. fiscal policy in 2021 stimulated demand on an unprecedented scale while simultaneously impeding a recovery in supply.” Even though the impacts of COVID-19 have been global, the price increases Americans are suffering from are significantly higher than what Europeans are confronting. Therefore, the cause of inflation is likely the result of different policies that were pursued in the United States, namely the American Rescue Plan (ARP) enacted in March 2021. As much as progressives attempt to blame everyone but themselves for the massive increase in prices in the last 13 months, the evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that this inflation is largely unique to the United States and began soon after the ARP was enacted.

Since then, the Biden Administration failed in its response to this dangerously high inflation. The Biden Administration spent much of the last several months trying to explain why more of the same philosophy of deficit spending, tax hikes, and anti-work policies would somehow [reverse the inflation](#) that they largely helped fuel. On energy, the Biden Administration refuses to reverse course on its disastrous energy policy and unleash U.S. energy production. Instead, it is doubling down on the policies that have sacrificed American energy security and ceded strategic advantage to our adversaries. For example, [the Administration refuses to consider restarting the construction of the Keystone Pipeline or end its federal freeze on new oil and gas leases and permits](#), all while continuing to push for further federal climate activism, including within the federal reserve. Rather than return to being a net energy exporter, the Biden Administration is instead looking [—with limited success—](#)to purchase oil from Venezuela, Iran, and Saudi Arabia.

[Mortgage rates](#) have risen by nearly a percentage point over the past year, with the pace of rate increases picking up in recent months as markets respond to the reality that the only path out from this inflationary episode will be painful rate increases by the Federal Reserve, given the total absence of an effective policy response by the Biden Administration. For Americans contemplating buying a house, inflation is eroding their purchasing power while adding \$150/month (or \$1,800 per year) for a \$300,000 mortgage.

Americans far and wide continue to suffer from the Biden Administration's reckless tax-and-spend, anti-work, anti-energy policy agenda, and only time will tell when consumers' pocketbooks feel some relief.



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Unleashing American Energy

President Biden's anti-American energy policies are being felt by every American and relished by America's enemies. Routinely probing OPEC+ for oil while enacting policies that increase our energy and economic dependence on them leads to higher prices at the pump for hard-working families — a problem that Russia's war on Ukraine will only exacerbate. While the Biden administration tries to find solutions in authoritarian rogue states like Iran and Venezuela, the U.S. oil and gas industry suffers. But the United States has enough energy to meet demand at home and support allies abroad. **We do not need to be dependent on other nations, especially autocratic ones, to meet our energy needs.**

America has vast, accessible oil and gas reserves, we can produce these energy resources more responsibly than anywhere else in the world, and we should unapologetically do so. We will make clear that more U.S. production means greater energy security for our allies, lower prices for consumers at home, and more strength abroad as we confront mounting threats from Russia and China.

Steps to unleash American energy and counter Russian aggression:

- Stop the regulatory assault on and reduce regulatory uncertainty for American energy financing, development, and production
- End Biden's federal freeze on new oil and gas leases and permits
- Approve pending pipelines and LNG export permits
- Pause all new discretionary regulatory policy activity and actions, at home and abroad, that would harm traditional American energy production
- Remove burdensome red tape and implement meaningful permitting reform, including NEPA reforms, for the future of American energy infrastructure
- End woke climate activism by federal agencies and ensure financial regulators stay within their statutory mission
- Waive the Jones Act and allow pipelines from Canada to reduce market pressures and foster greater market liquidity

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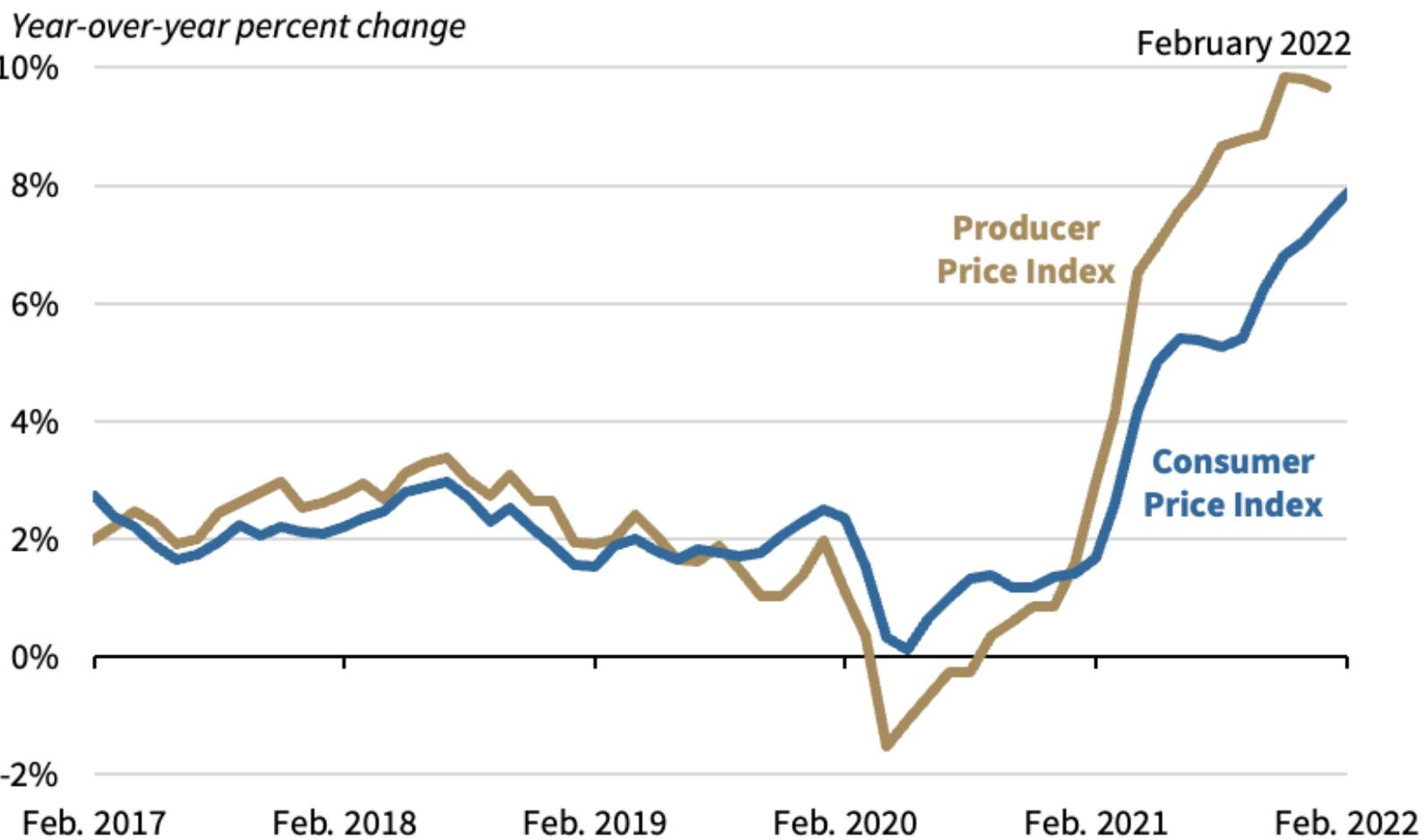
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Figure 1. Inflation Surpasses 40-Year Highs

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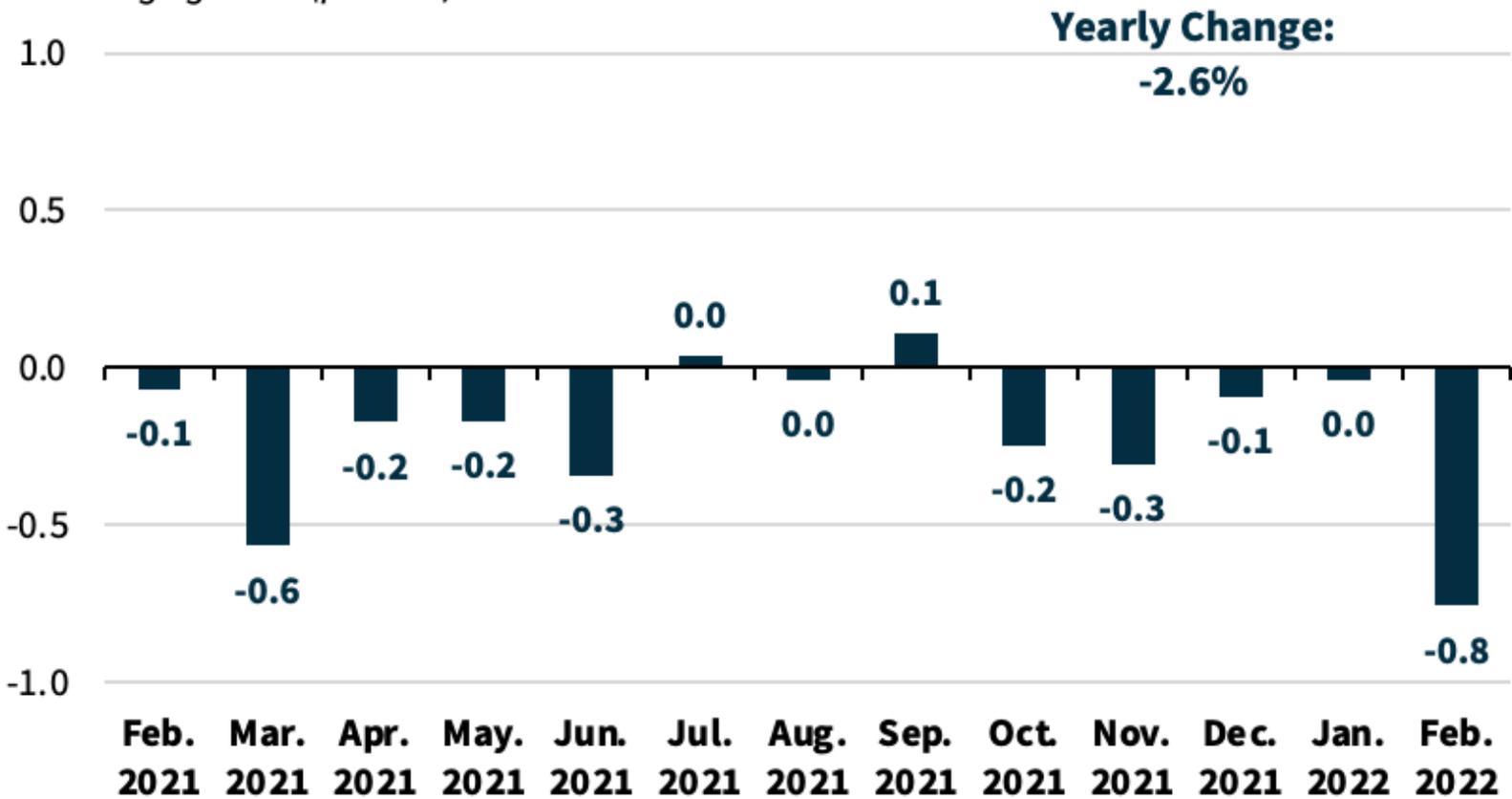
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Real wage growth (percent)



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