

Texas Governor Greg Abbott Ends Mandatory Mask Mandate: 'Time To Open Texas 100%'

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Texas Governor Greg Abbott, a Republican, announced on Tuesday afternoon that he is signing an executive order that will lift the state's mandatory mask mandate and will do away with limits on the number of people that businesses can serve indoors effective next week.

"Too many Texans have been sidelined from employment opportunities," Abbott said. "Too many small business owners have struggled to pay their bills. This must end. It is now time to open Texas 100%."

"So today, I'm issuing a new executive order that rescinds most of the earlier executive orders," Abbott said.

"Effective next Wednesday, all businesses of any type are allowed to open 100%. That includes any type of entity in Texas. Also, I'm ending the statewide mask mandate."

"Today's announcement does not abandon the safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year," Abbott said.

"Instead, it's a reminder that each person has their own role to play in their own personal safety as well as in the safety of others. It's a reminder that individual safety is managed every day as a matter of personal responsibility rather than by government mandate. Individual responsibility is a corollary to individual freedom, we can have both."

Abbott said that people needed to still follow the same standards in protecting themselves and others from exposure to the coronavirus.

“Texans should continue following medical advice on preventing COVID just as they do on other medical issues,” Abbott said. “That is exactly how Texans were able to deal with infectious diseases in the past, like H1N1. They followed safe practices, and they got medical treatment when it was needed.”

Abbott said that by next Wednesday approximately 7 million vaccine shots will have been delivered in the state and that those being prioritized are those who are the “most likely to be hospitalized or lose their life because of exposure to COVID.”

“By next Wednesday, over half of our seniors will have received a vaccine shot and by the end of this month, every senior who wants a vaccine shot will be able to get a vaccine shot,” Abbott added.

“To help this effort I have already announced a statewide program called Save Our Seniors, along with that I deployed more than 1,100 national guard to assist local organizations to help our seniors get the shots they need. These efforts should ensure that we keep hospitalizations low in Texas.

Importantly, the number of vaccines will continue to increase rapidly with additional supplies of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines as well as the new vaccine that’s come out by Johnson & Johnson, which is a one shot vaccine, that Texas began administering today.”

“The vaccine supply is increasing so rapidly, Texas will soon expand the categories of people who are able to get them and some medical professionals say that within a few months, every Texan who wants a vaccine shot will be able to get a vaccine shot,” Abbott said.

Abbott estimated that approximately 10 million Texans, which is one-third of the state’s population, have had the coronavirus and have recovered.

“Almost 2.5 million Texans were lab confirmed for having recovered from COVID,” Abbott said. “The CDC says that the real number of recoveries is typically four to five times the number of those who officially tested positive and recovered.

Mathematically what that means is that approximately 10 million Texans, or really more, have recovered from COVID and have the proven ability to beat the disease.” However, Abbott warned that Texans needed to understand that the coronavirus was not magically over and that the disease has not “suddenly disappeared.”

Former White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany Lands New Gig
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Former White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany landed a spot as a Fox News contributor, the network announced Tuesday.

McEnany was named as former President Donald Trump's press secretary in April 2020, replacing Stephanie Grisham. McEnany, before her time as press secretary, had served as Trump's campaign spokeswoman.

Fox News host Harris Faulkner announced the former press secretary's position with the network on-air.

"It is my distinct pleasure to welcome Kayleigh McEnany to the Fox family," Faulkner said, [according](#) to NBC. "We will be seeing much more of her."

The Daily Caller [reported](#) Tuesday that McEnany would be a contributor at the network.

Notably, there was a campaign from supporters of President Joe Biden to blacklist McEnany and other Trump administration officials from future employment.

"Joseph R. Biden supporters are advocating a reign of shunning and purging President Trump's supporters in Washington," The Washington Examiner [reported](#) in November.

"As the presumptive president-elect struck a unity theme during his Saturday night speech, some backers espoused another idea: Dox and cancel Trump world."

At the time, the so-called Trump Accountability Project, which is now defunct, set up a Twitter account that focused on blocking jobs for anyone who worked to help Trump become president or who worked in his administration.

"Remember what they did," served as the group's logo.

"We must never forget those who furthered the Trump agenda," the site said.

“Those who took a paycheck from the Trump Administration should not profit from their efforts to tear our democracy apart. The world should never forget those who, when faced with a decision, chose to put their money, their time, and their reputations behind separating children from their families, encouraging racism and anti-Semitism, and negligently causing the unnecessary loss of life and economic devastation from our country’s failed response to the COVID-19 pandemic.”

As noted by the Examiner, far-left Rep. Alexander Ocasio-Cortez of New York, too, engaged in “retaliation talk for unspecified crimes by urging followers to create an anti-Trump archive as evidence.”

“Is anyone archiving these Trump sycophants for when they try to downplay or deny their complicity in the future?” AOC posted to Twitter.

“I foresee decent probability of many deleted Tweets, writings, photos in the future.”

McEnany was known for her calm handling of an adversarial press during daily briefings. In December, she [reflected](#) on the media bias against conservatives during an interview with the Daily Caller.

“No matter what Republican administration it is, Republican women are just treated differently by virtue of their party ideology,” McEnany said.

“It’s unfortunate, but if you are a Republican, male or female, you will be attacked particularly in the Trump administration because the media always is keen to demonstrate their innately liberal bias.”

Mississippi Ends Mask Mandates, Allows Businesses To Return To Operating At Full Capacity Starting Tomorrow
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Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves, a Republican, announced on Tuesday that he was lifting the mask mandates in his state effective tomorrow and that businesses in the state would be able to return to operating at full capacity.

“Starting tomorrow, we are lifting all of our county mask mandates and businesses will be able to operate at full capacity without any state-imposed rules,” Reeves said on Twitter.

“Our hospitalizations and case numbers have plummeted, and the vaccine is being rapidly distributed. It is time!”

“Executive orders that interfered with peoples’ lives were the worst, but the only possible, intervention for much of the last year,” Reeves said.

“Now, we are putting our focus towards rapid vaccine distribution. We are getting out of the business of telling people what they can and cannot do.”

“We’ve been among the 4 or 5 most open states throughout this crisis, and we’ve been rewarded for it with more jobs and economic recovery,” Reeves continued.

“That’s not because what we put in place was a light burden. It’s only because the rest of the country was so harsh. That’s good, but we need to recognize that none of these orders, in any state, are anything short of unprecedented. They have to end at the earliest possible moment. This is that moment for Mississippi.”

The announcement from Reeves came shortly after Texas Governor Greg Abbott, also a Republican, [announced](#) on Tuesday afternoon that his state was ending the state’s mask mandate and would allow businesses to return to full capacity starting next week.

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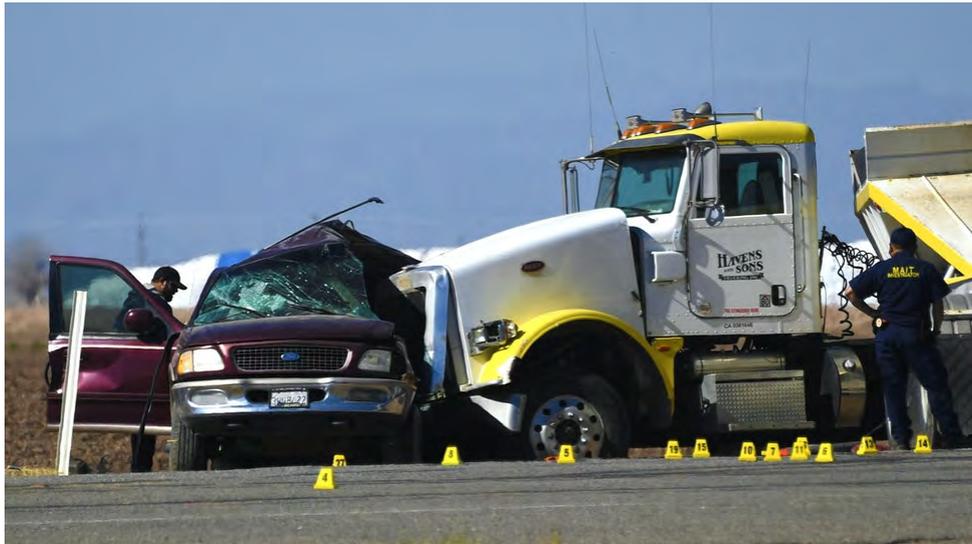
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Crash That Left 13 Dead In California Involved Illegal Aliens, Smugglers Who Entered Hole In Older Border Fence: Report

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A mass casualty car crash that resulted in at least 13 deaths near the U.S.-Mexico border in southern California involved illegal aliens and smugglers who drove through a hole that was cut in a section of the border fence, which was not part of former President Donald Trump’s wall.

Fox News reported that Border Patrol sources informed the network that the crash involved “human smugglers and 25 illegal immigrants” who were jammed into a single Ford Expedition, which normally can only seat eight people. The area where the fence was cut was constructed between 2007 and 2009 and was not part of the Trump administration’s wall.

“Two vehicles crammed with illegal immigrants inside had driven through the ten-foot wide hole in the early morning hours of Monday’s midnight shift, sources say, somehow evading a mobile camera system set up nearby,” Fox News [reported](#).

“The sources added that the border patrol was not looking for the smugglers until they were notified by the Imperial County Sheriff’s Office about the crash, which occurred about 8 miles north of where the fence was cut.”

Law enforcement officials are reportedly working with the Mexican consulate to identify the victims — who range from 20 to 55 — so their families can be notified.

The Washington Post [reported](#) that El Centro Regional Medical Center chief executive Adolphe Edward said in an interview that he believed that the victims from the crash were illegal aliens, using the term “undocumented immigrants,” but later suggested that using that term was inappropriate for a healthcare professional, saying they “don’t use the term undocumented in the hospitals.”

“To us, these folks that came to us are patients,” Edward said.

Two Democrat U.S. lawmakers [warned this week](#) that President Joe Biden’s immigration agenda will be a disaster for the U.S. and both specifically mentioned human smugglers who know how to work the system for their financial benefit.

Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX) “hopes the administration continues using a Trump-era public health order to quickly expel migrant adults and families, at least during the pandemic,” *Axios* reported.

“He said smugglers will likely use the shift in immigration tactics from the Trump to the Biden administration to convince migrants to come to the U.S.”

“The bad guys know how to market this,” Cuellar said.

During an interview with CNN on Monday morning, Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX) warned that the policies the Biden administration is pushing for could devastate the Democrat Party and the country.

“Well, my concern at this in the recent weeks in my district, migrants who made it across the border, who even pass the line of MPPs [Migrant Protection Protocols], who were 5,000 folks that have been waiting for two years across the border, made it across the Rio Grande Valley were processed and released,” Gonzalez said.

“If that is the message that we send to Central America and around the world, I can assure you, it won’t be long before we have tens of thousands of people showing up to our border.”

“And it’ll be catastrophic for our party, for our country, for my region, for my district, in the middle of a pandemic, in an area where we’ve lost over 3,000 people in my small congressional district,” Gonzalez continued.

“So, I think we need to have a better plan in place. I think asylum seekers should be able to ask for asylum and be processed in their home country or a neighboring country. And we shouldn’t have a policy in place that impels people to make this 2,000 mile trek where cartels and human traffickers are enriching themselves.”

‘Personal Bailout For Bureaucrats’: Democrat Stimulus Pays Big Bucks To Federal Employees

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A provision buried in the COVID-19 relief bill has been criticized as “a personal bailout for bureaucrats” for carving out enhanced paid time off for federal employees, a boost not offered to non-federal employees.

A provision in the “American Rescue Plan Act of 2021,” which passed the House on Saturday, enables a new Treasury Department fund called the “Emergency Federal Employee Leave Fund” to pay federal employees up to \$1,400 a week for 15 weeks as paid time off if they have any kids who are not enrolled in full-time, in-classroom instruction as their school.

Forbes reported:

Under the bill as currently drafted, full-time federal employees can take up to 600 hours in paid leave until September 30, up to \$35 an hour and \$1,400 a week. That’s 15 weeks for a 40-hour employee. Part-time and “seasonal” employees are eligible, too, with equivalent hours established by their agency.

“Critics call it a personal bailout for bureaucrats,” said Adam Andrzejewski, writing at Forbes. “It is funded through a new \$570 million family leave account exclusively for federal workers.”

“While millions of parents struggle to work from home with kids who are enrolled in shuttered or partially shuttered schools, and millions more left the workforce or lost jobs to care for their at-home children, evidently parents in the federal bureaucracy need their own, personal Covid-19 bailout,” he blasted.

Andrzejewski noted that the provision was “buried” on page 305 of the House bill. “Wow. The Biden Bucks bill pays federal employees up to 15 weeks of paid leave at \$1400 per week if they have to stay home to virtual school kids,” reacted writer Phil Kerpen, a lockdown critic.

“You get \$1400 once,” he added.

“They get it every week for 15 weeks. Swamp takes care of swamp.”

President Joe Biden has been criticized for his apprehension to stand up to teacher unions refusing to go back to work, while medical experts [strongly advocate](#) for kids' return to in-classroom instruction.

On Sunday, former President Donald Trump [ripped](#) Biden for such apprehension while speaking at CPAC.

Children “must get back and get back right now, right now,” Trump urged, [The Daily Wire](#) reported.

“The Biden administration is actually bragging about the classroom education they are providing to migrant children on the border while at the same time, millions of American children are having their futures destroyed by Joe Biden’s anti-science school closures.”

“There’s no reason whatsoever why the vast majority of young Americans should not be back in school immediately,” the president said.

“The only reason that most parents do not have that choice is because Joe Biden sold out America’s children to the teachers’ unions.”

“His position is morally inexcusable, you know that,” Trump blasted. “Joe Biden has shamefully betrayed America’s youth, and he is cruelly keeping our children locked in their homes, no reason for it whatsoever, they want to get out.”

*Psaki Refuses To Answer If Biden Supports Program That Would Bring 600-800K Migrants To U.S. To Work While Millions Of Americans Are Still Out Of Work
By [Ryan Saavedra](#)*



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White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki refused to answer whether President Joe Biden supported an alleged proposal from Mexican President Manuel López Obrador to bring up to 800,000 migrant workers into the U.S. to work as millions of Americans remain unemployed during the coronavirus pandemic.

“López Obrador is reportedly expected to propose a new Bracero-style immigrant labor program to Biden, which could bring 600,000 to 800,000 Mexican and Central American immigrants a year to work legally in the United States,” Fox News [reported](#).

“A senior Biden administration official declined to say whether Biden would support or oppose that proposal, but told the Associated Press that both the U.S. and Mexico agree on the need to expand legal pathways for migration.”

“One other thing that the President of Mexico is expected to propose is an idea to bring an immigrant labor program to the U.S. that could bring 600,000-800,000 immigrants a year to work legally in the United States,” Fox News reporter Kristen Fisher said during Monday’s White House press briefing.

“Is that something President Biden would consider?”

“I’ve seen reports of that. I believe that’s a step that would require Congress,” Psaki responded. “I’m sure we’ll have a readout after the bilateral meeting this afternoon and they both will be speaking after it as well.”

The remarks from Psaki come as the most recent U.S. labor statistics show that the the unemployment rate remains above 6.3 percent and that the total number of unemployed persons in the U.S. sits at 10.1 million.

“Although both measures are much lower than their April 2020 highs, they remain well above their pre-pandemic levels in February 2020 (3.5 percent and 5.7 million, respectively),” the Bureau of Labor Statistics [said](#).

The question came during the same press conference where Biden DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas downplayed what is currently happening on the border, claiming that it was not a crisis.

“We are not saying don’t come,” Mayorkas said.

“We are saying don’t come now. Because we will be able to deliver safe and orderly process to them as quickly as possible.”

The Daily Wire noted that during the press conference, Mayorkas repeatedly [refused](#) to state whether or not he supports Democrats in Congress using the reconciliation process, which would not require bipartisan support, to attempt to “legalize millions of undocumented immigrants this year,” as one reporter put it.

The comments came after two U.S. lawmakers from Texas, who are both Democrats, have warned about the crisis on the border.

Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX) told CNN on Monday that urgent action was needed to avoid “catastrophic” results on the border.

“Well, my concern at this in the recent weeks in my district, migrants who made it across the border, who even pass the line of MPPs [Migrant Protection Protocols],

who were 5,000 folks that have been waiting for two years across the border, made it across the Rio Grande Valley were processed and released,” Gonzalez responded.

“If that is the message that we send to Central America and around the world, I can assure you, it won’t be long before we have tens of thousands of people showing up to our border.”

“And it’ll be catastrophic for our party, for our country, for my region, for my district, in the middle of a pandemic, in an area where we’ve lost over 3,000 people in my small congressional district,” he continued.

“So, I think we need to have a better plan in place. I think asylum seekers should be able to ask for asylum and be processed in their home country or a neighboring country. And we shouldn’t have a policy in place that impulses people to make this 2,000 mile trek where cartels and human traffickers are enriching themselves.”

Democrats Consider Scheduling Vote On ‘Controversial’ Gun Control Bill In Next Two Weeks, Report Says

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The Biden administration is reportedly considering scheduling a “controversial” vote on a gun control bill in the next couple of weeks, news which comes as Biden demanded last month that Congress take action on cracking down on American’s Second Amendment rights.

A report by Punchbowl News, which was founded by former Politico reporters, said that House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and other House Democrats were focused on turning their attention to other issues that the Biden administration has on its agenda, including gun control, after they passed Biden’s “American Rescue Plan” last week.

The report said that Democrats plan to “push through as much legislation as they can” over the next two weeks.

“And Democrats may schedule another controversial vote that [time period] as well — legislation requiring universal background checks on gun sales (H.R. 8),” Punchbowl News reported.

“Another bill would close the so-called ‘Charleston Loophole,’ which allows gun purchases to proceed if the background check isn’t completed in three business days. Both bills passed the House during the 116th Congress only to be blocked by Senate Republicans.”

The National Rifle Association tweeted out a warning that Biden’s “extreme gun control” agenda would be brought to Congress sometime in the next couple of weeks.

“Sources in DC report that Congress will be voting on Biden’s extreme gun control legislation as early as next week,” the NRA tweeted. “Possible that they will bypass committee process. Stay tuned, NRA members.”

Last month, Biden wrote to Congress, “I am calling on Congress to enact commonsense gun law reforms, including requiring background checks on all gun sales, banning assault weapons and high-capacity magazines, and eliminating immunity for gun manufacturers who knowingly put weapons of war on our streets.”

The Daily Wire [reported](#):

In the statement, Biden’s call for ‘banning assault weapons’ likely amounts to calling for a ban on semi-automatic firearms, and there was no language included in the statement about allowing gun owners who currently own those weapons to be able to keep those weapons.

If gun owners are not allowed to keep those specific semi-automatic firearms under a Biden ban, that would effectively amount to a mandatory gun confiscation-type program. ...

Biden’s call on Congress to enact legislation that would strip gun manufacturers of immunity from lawsuits who ‘knowingly put weapons of war on our streets’ is essentially a backdoor way of trying to bankrupt the gun industry or force them to drastically change the types of weapons they are willing to sell.

When gun control activists use the term ‘weapons of war,’ they are generally using it in such a way as to portray the weapons that they want to ban as ‘weapons’ that are used in ‘war,’ as in used by militaries.

However, this is inaccurate because the types of weapons that gun control activists are referring to, usually AR-15-style rifles, are not used in war. The variants of those rifles that are currently sold by gun manufacturers in the U.S. are semi-automatic firearms, not the fully automatic versions that are used by military.

“There is seemingly little limit to what Biden wants to target when it comes to the Second Amendment, ranging from [taxing](#) gun owners, banning magazines [that can](#)

hold multiple bullets in them,' offering 'no compromise' on the issue, and making other incoherent remarks like claiming that a 'rational policy' on guns is making sure 'you cannot have 20, 30, 40, 50 clips in a weapon,'" The Daily Wire [reported](#).

"While on the campaign trail, Biden said that far-left gun control activist Beto O'Rourke was 'going to be the one who leads this effort' for the Biden administration. O'Rourke has called for confiscating firearms from Americans."

A couple of days after Biden made the demand of Congress, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki [signaled](#) that Biden was open to using executive orders to implement his gun control agenda.

Alan Gottlieb, the founder of the Second Amendment Foundation, [said](#) in a recent interview that Biden had launched a "four-prong attack against firearms ownership in the country," which did not even include what Biden may be considering achieving through executive orders.

"One is universal background check is really a universal registration system," Gottlieb said.

"Second is banning of assault weapons and then defining assault weapons as almost any semi-automatic firearm. Third is banning magazines that hold more than 10 rounds, you know, again, hurts people twice for self defense in our country, and then attacking the firearms industry so that any criminal that goes out and misuses a gun, the gun manufacturer can be sued for it, it's going to put the industry out of business and nobody can buy a gun."

According To Joe Biden's Standards... Joe Biden Should Be Canceled
Cabot Phillips



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As part of "Read Across America Day," Joe Biden recently took part in an annual presidential tradition, unveiling his book list for the country's school children.

Notably absent from the list was the very author whose birthday the celebration commemorates: Dr. Seuss.

The conspicuous omission comes as the woke mob, alongside local school districts, pushes to “cancel” his work for supposedly being replete with “racial undertones” not conducive for “culturally responsive” learning. The company which controls Dr. Seuss’s estate even ceased publication of six books they found to be particularly “[hurtful](#).”

Though the Biden administration didn’t give a specific reason for keeping Dr. Seuss from the list, if you believe they happened to omit the most popular children’s author in American history, on the holiday set on his birthday by accident, and not for fear of offending the outrage mob, you’re living in a world as outlandish and fantastical as one of Seuss’s creations.

The Biden administration has tacitly canceled Dr. Seuss because some of his work doesn’t live up to their modern day “woke” standards.

What Biden doesn’t seem to realize is that if he was held to those same standards, he would face certain cancellation.

If it weren’t for the conveniently-selective outrage of the mob, whose ire falls solely on those outside the inner sanctum of wokeness, Biden himself would’ve been cast out, canceled, and forgotten long ago. That is, if we’re abiding by the idea that the past words and actions of an individual — say a children’s author or politician — should be held under a microscope and viewed through a modern lens.

By now, most on the Right are familiar (despite the legacy media’s lack of coverage) with Biden’s history of what the Left would call “racially insensitive” comments.

Read for yourself each of the following statements and think of the litany of historical figures or modern day conservatives who’ve been canceled for less.

In June of 2006, Biden was filmed [telling](#) an Indian-American voter, “you cannot go to a 7-11 or a Dunkin’ Donuts unless you have a slight Indian accent. I’m not joking.”

In August of 2019, in an apparent attempt to offer support for impoverished children, Biden had an apparent freudian slip, [saying](#), “we have this notion that somehow if you’re poor you cannot do it, poor kids are just as bright and just as talented as white kids.”

In February of 2007, Biden seemed to imply that up to that point, America had been devoid of any well-spoken black leaders, [calling](#) Barack Obama, “the first sort of mainstream African-American who is articulate and bright and clean and a nice-looking guy.”

In 1977, while arguing in opposition to a measure which would have allowed busing to further desegregate public schools, Biden [said](#), “Unless we do something about this, my children are going to grow up in a jungle, the jungle being a racial jungle with tensions having built so high that it is going to explode at some point.”

*And who could forget Biden's **insistence** in 2020 that "you ain't black" if you're an African-American who doesn't support the Democratic party? Well, who besides the media, Democrat leadership, and woke mob as a whole, could forget?*

Ask one hundred Americans whether they find any one of those comments or a few drawings from a Dr. Seuss book more offensive, and the answer would be obvious. If the standards Biden now requires others to live by were applied to any of these comments, he himself would be sacrificed upon the altar of political correctness. And that's the problem.

While Democratic politicians increasingly embrace the cancel culture tactics of their radical base, the work of ignoring their own cancelable offenses becomes ever more difficult.

The woke mob is a beast with an appetite satiated only by the blood of new victims. The eyes of that beast have been focused by its masters on a predetermined population. For now.

Sooner, rather than later, that beast will break free of its restraints and seek new victims. By then, its masters will appear more appetizing than ever.

Large Number Of Migrants Arrive At U.S.-Mexico Border Wearing Biden T-Shirts: 'Please Let Us In!'

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A large number of migrants were photographed near California at the U.S.-Mexico border wearing Biden t-shirts that asked that they be let into the U.S. The photographs were taken on Tuesday on the Mexican side of the border at the San Ysidro crossing port in Tijuana, Baja California state.

“The president is working to process as many as 25,000 asylum seekers who were forced to wait in Mexico under the Trump administration’s ‘Remain-in-Mexico’ policy under the Migrant Protection Protocol (MPP) program,” Fox News [reported](#).

“Biden has promised to accept more refugees into the country during his time in office and implement more ‘humane’ policies, such as a proposal to pay for the transportation and health care costs of migrant families who were separated at the border under the Trump administration.”

Two U.S. lawmakers, both Democrats, [warned](#) this week that Biden’s immigration policies are causing a crisis on the border that will be disastrous for their party and for the country.

Rep. Henry Cuellar (D-TX) warned “the Biden administration against easing up too much on unauthorized immigrants, citing their impact on his constituents, local hospitals and their potential to spread the coronavirus,” Axios [reported](#). The report said that Cuellar sees that the pro-immigration agenda that far-left Democrats are pushing could blow up in the administration’s face.

“Cuellar hopes the administration continues using a Trump-era public health order to quickly expel migrant adults and families, at least during the pandemic,” Axios noted.

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During an interview with CNN this week, Rep. Vicente Gonzalez (D-TX) made even more dire remarks about the situation at the border.

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Mississippi Passes Bill To Ban Biological Males From Competing Against Women
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The Mississippi House and Senate have voted overwhelmingly to ban biological males from being able to compete against women.

In an 81-28 vote, the state House passed the Mississippi Fairness Act on Wednesday. The bill passed in the Senate by a similarly overwhelming vote, 34-9, and now moves to Republican Gov. Tate Reeves.

“If we do not move to protect female sports from biological males who have an unfair physiological advantage, we will eventually no longer have female sports,” Republican state Sen. Angela Hill told [ABC News](#) after the bill passed.

ABC notes that more and more states are considering similar legislation, with “25 states considering such bills this year, compared to 18 last year.” The Fairness Act reads in part (formatting adjusted):

Interscholastic or intramural athletic teams or sports that are sponsored by a public primary or secondary school or any school that is a member of the Mississippi High School Activities Association or public institution of higher education or any higher education institution that is a member of the NCAA, NAIA or NJCCA shall be expressly designated as one of the following based on biological sex: (a) “Males,” “men” or “boys”; (b) “Females,” “women” or “girls”; or (c) “Coed” or “mixed.” Athletic teams or sports designated for “females,” “women” or “girls” shall not be open to students of the male sex.

If disputed, a student may establish his or her sex by presenting a signed physician’s statement which shall indicate the student’s sex based solely upon: (a) The student’s internal and external reproductive anatomy; (b) The student’s normal endogenously produced levels of testosterone; and (c) An analysis of the student’s genetic makeup.

One of the most controversial Executive Orders that Democrat President Joe Biden signed in his first days in office mandated allowing biological males to compete in women's sports.

The order states in part:

Every person should be treated with respect and dignity and should be able to live without fear, no matter who they are or whom they love. Children should be able to learn without worrying about whether they will be denied access to the restroom, the locker room, or school sports.

Adults should be able to earn a living and pursue a vocation knowing that they will not be fired, demoted, or mistreated because of whom they go home to or because how they dress does not conform to sex-based stereotypes.

People should be able to access healthcare and secure a roof over their heads without being subjected to sex discrimination.

All persons should receive equal treatment under the law, no matter their gender identity or sexual orientation.

The order “unilaterally eviscerate[d] women's sports,” author and women's rights activist Abigail Shrier wrote on Twitter.

“Any educational institution that receives federal funding must admit biologically-male athletes to women's teams, women's scholarships, etc. A new glass ceiling was just placed over girls.”

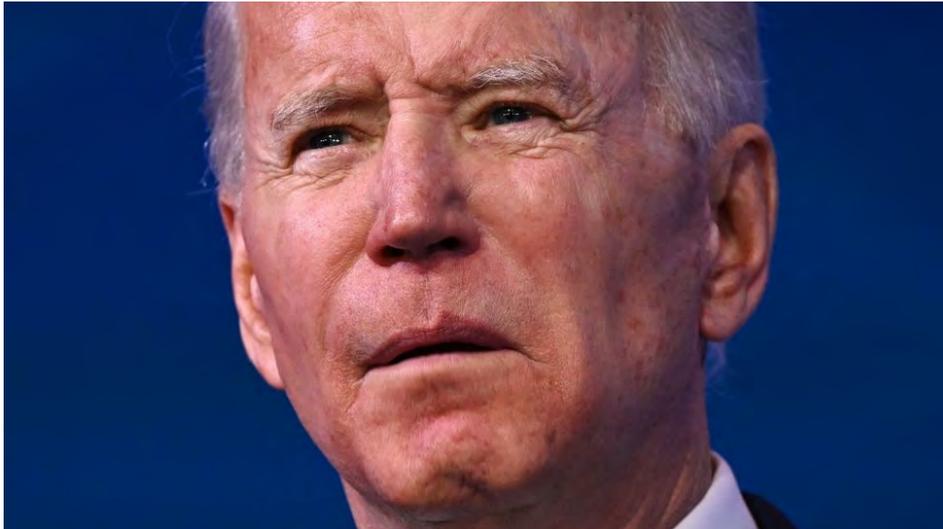
*Former President Donald Trump **slammed** Biden and the Democrats during his CPAC speech for not protecting women's sports.*

“Joe Biden and the Democrats are even pushing policies that would destroy women's sports,” Trump said.

“Now, young girls and women are incensed that they are now being forced to compete against those who are biological males,” Trump added.

“It's not good for women. It's not good for women's sports, which worked so long and so hard to get to where they are. The records that stood for years, even decades, are now being smashed with ease, smashed. If this is not changed, women's sports, as we know it, will die, they'll end, it'll end.”

White House Stream Cuts After Biden Asks To Take Questions, Video Goes Viral
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The White House live feed was cut off Wednesday after President Joe Biden asked to take questions during a discussion with House Democrats. The video clip (see below) has gone viral, racking up over 1.6 million views by Thursday morning.

Newsweek [reported](#) on the video:

During the session from the White House briefing room on Wednesday, Biden had urged fellow Democrats to make the case for the COVID relief package to their constituents.

At the end of the speech, Biden said: “I’m happy to take questions, if that’s what I’m supposed to do Nance,” referring to the House Speaker [Nancy Pelosi](#), who had introduced him at the start of his address.

“Whatever you want me to do,” he added, looking ready to field questions. But then the feed abruptly ended and a graphic of the White House appeared on screen.

The video clip likely went viral because of a perceived lack of transparency from Biden, who has still not hosted a solo presser with the media, more than 40 days into his presidency.

Even liberal media critic Brian Stelter of CNN has [highlighted](#) Biden’s lack of press conferences and encouraged reporters to continue their push for increased access to the president.

“There are many ways to measure an American president’s accessibility. One way is by counting press conferences. Right now, by that count, President Biden looks invisible,” he wrote in his newsletter.

“In my view, reporters are right to be pushing for more Q&A access, and they shouldn’t let up the pressure,” added Stelter.

“Biden should use the press conference setting to tell the public about what he’s doing...”

Stelter also highlighted criticism of Biden from CNN White House reporter Kevin Liptak.

“As we await word on when President Biden will hold his first solo press conference, an analysis of the past 100 years shows he is behind his 15 most recent predecessors, who all held a solo press conference within 33 days of taking office,” Liptak said.

“While he has taken questions from reporters on a few occasions, including during sprays and a more formal Q&A session following an event in January, he has not held a formal press conference,” noted the White House reporter.

“That includes both a solo press conference or a 2+2 news conference during his two virtual ‘bilateral’ meetings with the leaders of Canada and Mexico.”

White House press secretary Jen Psaki responded to an inquiry about the lack of access from Stelter, “We look forward to holding a full formal press conference, but in the meantime the President takes questions from the reporters covering the White House regularly, including this morning,” she said.

“And his focus day in and day out is on getting the pandemic under control and putting people back to work. That’s what people elected him to do.”

As noted by [The Daily Wire](#) last month, President Donald Trump, during his tenure, did not shy away from hitting back at the media. The adversarial relationship was often comically translated by the media as routine “chilling attacks” on free speech.

Trump, however, routinely made himself accessible to journalists. In fact, an opinion piece for [The Washington Post](#), appropriately [titled](#), “President Trump is extremely accessible,” highlighted Trump’s accessibility to the press.

“According to Martha Joynt Kumar, director of the [White House Transition Project](#) and emeritus professor at Towson University, Trump has racked up 338 ‘short question-and-answer’ sessions over his time in office, which hits the two-year mark on Jan. 20.,” the [Post](#) piece said, which was published in January 2019.

“Compare that to 75 for President Barack Obama over his full first two years in office, and 243 for President George W. Bush.

‘I think that it’s always good to have the opportunity to ask questions of the president,’ says Olivier Knox, president of the [White House Correspondents’ Association](#).

‘It doesn’t replace the usefulness of a regular or daily briefing, which can serve to clear out what I call the underbrush of news’ — such as scheduling and logistical stuff.”

