

Climate Change

President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act is the most significant piece of climate action policy to date in the U.S. The Act includes \$369 billion to bring America closer to Biden's goal of cutting climate pollution in half from 2005 levels by 2030.

There will also be aid for communities to safeguard against climate-related disasters, which last year caused more than \$145 billion in damages.

The EPA restored an Obama-era rule to limit power plant emissions of mercury and other hazardous pollutants. These toxins cause cancer risks and neuro-developmental delays in children.

On the world stage, the U.S. returned to being a leader in fighting climate change. At the 27th UN Climate Conference, Biden announced that the U.S. would increase its commitment to \$100 million to the Adaptation Fund, which finances projects and programs that help vulnerable communities in developing countries adapt to climate change.

Global climate change is forcing wild animals to relocate to more populated areas. As different mammals encounter one another for the first time, they will share thousands of viruses that can be transmitted to humans and cause the next pandemic, according to a new study.

This year, again, we saw extreme heat across the country. Heat kills more Americans than any other weather-related disaster. These deaths have outpaced hurricane deaths by more than 15-to-1 over the past decade.



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Judges & the Courts

President Biden has appointed a record number of judges, more than any other president since John F. Kennedy. One of the most important appointments he has made to date was that of the first female Black judge to the Supreme Court, Ketanji Brown Jackson. Biden has been fulfilling his pledge to appoint diverse judges that reflect America on the nation's benches.

This has also been a watershed year for female appointees to other courts. Biden increased the number of federal district courts dominated by women to 10. At the beginning of his term, there were only two courts that had a majority of female jurists.

With the Democrats controlling the Senate and chairing the Judiciary Committee, the floodgates will be open for Biden to fill nearly 85 current court vacancies. There are currently 45 judges waiting for their nominations to be moved to the Senate floor for a full vote.

This year SCOTUS made rulings on a variety of cases from climate change to immigration to the Second Amendment and to executive privilege. They have also faced their share of problems. The Court has still not determined publicly who leaked the Roe decision and how.

Justice Clarence Thomas has faced scrutiny for his decisions not to recuse himself from numerous cases dealing with Trump and the 2020 election results. His wife pressed the White House and various state legislators to overturn the 2020 election. She also attended the January 6th insurrection. Questions have been raised about her influence on her husband and his court decisions. This and other issues have increased interest in imposing new ethics rules on the Supreme Court.



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