

A Future Built on Government Dependence

Despite nearly 100 welfare programs costing taxpayers over <u>\$1 trillion</u> annually and projected to reach <u>\$12 trillion</u> in the next decade, President Biden's budget seeks to expand their scope and others by trillions.

Millions Pushed onto Government Dependence

Despite facing over **\$34 trillion** in national debt and counting, Biden's budget pushes more Americans into government dependence by proposing radical, permanent expansions of mandatory health and welfare programs, worsening our deficits, and further discouraging self-sufficiency and work. These policies include:

\$350 billion in spending to permanently extend enhanced Obamacare subsidies, including to the nation's highest earners.

<u>\$200 billion</u> in spending to further expand the Medicaid program, endangering access to care for the most vulnerable and overriding states' authority to determine the health policies that best fit the needs of their populations.

<u>\$277 billion</u> in federal outlays by shifting funding for the Indian Health Service (IHS) to mandatory spending.

Billions in taxpayer dollars on President Biden's unilateral expansion of the Thrifty Food Plan.



For the fourth year in a row, President Biden's budget discourages work.

President Biden's FY 2025 budget continues his Administration's disturbing trend of discouraging work by:

- <u>\$310 billion</u> to continue partisan changes to the Child Tax Credit by removing its work requirements, turning it into an unconditional cash grant.
- Challenging the importance of bipartisan time limits on SNAP eligibility, which currently function as an important work incentive for eligible able-bodied adults without dependents.
- Permanently extending partisan changes to the "childless" Earned Income Tax Credit, which can *disincentivize work* after a certain income threshold and *penalize marriage*.

9 million job openings for 6.5 million unemployed individuals.

That is a *ratio of 1.4 jobs open per unemployed person.*

Biden's Budget discourages work when people need it most.



Biden Budget Expands Government Dependence

Child Tax Credit Expansion	\$310 billion
Government Child Care	\$424.3 billion
Government Paid Family and Medical Leave	\$325 billion
Government Preschool	\$200 billion
Expand Medicaid in Non-Expansion States	\$200 billion
Expand Indian Health Service	\$277.3 billion
Expand Obamacare Subsidies	\$359.1 billion
Expand EITC	\$163 billion
Medicaid Home and Community-Based Care Services	\$150 billion
Expand Housing Subsidies	\$182.9 billion
Double Pell Grant	\$122.9 billion
DEI-based Tuition Subsidies	\$30 billion
"Free" Community College	\$90 billion
Behaviorial Health	\$72 billion
Public Health and Biodefense	\$52.8 billion
Expand School Meal Subsidies	\$14.9 billion
Extend Trade Adjustment Assistant	\$2.9 billion
Total	\$2.977.1 billion

Since 2003, cumulative improper payment estimates have totaled almost **<u>\$2.7 trillion</u>**.

In FY 2023 alone, the Federal government spent at least **\$236 billion** on improper payments.

As the size and scope of government has grown, so have improper payments. In 2014, **\$125 billion** in improper payments were made, and in 2023 that number exceeded **\$236 billion**. This year, President Biden proposes increasing the size and scope of government by an unprecedented **\$7.2 trillion**.

President Biden's budget calls for significant, partisan increases to the Child Tax Credit (CTC) and the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which have improper payment <u>rates</u> <u>of 14.5% and 33.5%</u>, respectively. These changes could supercharge the improper payment rate each year.

Agencies need to be better stewards of taxpayer dollars before Congress considers massive budget increases. Given the <u>\$34 trillion</u> and rising national debt, the Federal government must rein-in unnecessary spending.