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What Joe Biden Planned for a "Better America"

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The first action taken by President Joe Biden was a 'comeback' to the Paris Agreement. The Paris Agreement promises the country for being a part of an international treaty about climate change. During former President Trump's presidency, America had signed out of that treaty, but now in 2021 by President Joe America came back to the Paris Agreement. President Joe Biden commented, "address the climate change disaster facing the nation and our world." President Joe came out with specific strategies toward climate change such as imposing the Green New Deal or a Clean Energy Revolution.

President Joe Biden ordered the halt of the construction of the walls planned by former President Trump. The ordered walls were the 450 mile long walls, which was also known as one of the accomplishments of the former president Trump. President Joe commented there won't be any extra constructions for the already constructed walls, however, he added there will be a new policy to help out the immigrants. In the official site of President Joe Biden, it says President Joe and his team will work for modernizing immigration system, addressing the causes of the migration system, and welcoming the immigrants.

According to a BidenHarris website, President Joe is very open toward the LGBTQ+. He did not list any specific plans for LGBTQ+ comparing to other issues like climate change or the immigrants, but he has shown an open-minded attitude toward LGBTQ+. "Who do you love? Who do you love? And will you be loyal to the person you love? And that's what people are finding out is what all marriages, at their root, are about.", Joe Biden, May 6, 2012. Also, on the website, BidenHarris, they strongly emphasized that they will fight against the discrimination toward LGBTQ+.

It seems like President Joe and his team are getting to work for 'a better America'. Our job and our responsibilities are to look over the actions by them. Whether you hate or like the new president, our job is to look over what he and his team are doing for America. This means that people should not judge his actions by simple social media posts or news reports. It means to know the details fully and specifically from credible sources to judge the specific action made by the President. If you can't handle that, it's much better not to have any judgement over that action. Will President Joe make 'a better America', or will Americans and President Joe make 'a better America'? Americans chose Joe Biden for a better America, but this is an important question and also a task for all of us.

How to Save Yourself from a Financial Apocalypse

by DANIEL BAKER

As students, we need to develop essential skills that will be critical for our future. As a student myself, we need to implement these skills. Saving money is very important because it protects you from a financial crisis. Financial crises are sudden and can suck up money fast. Saving money gives you flexibility for these situations. Many people are living paycheck to paycheck and saving money is a considerable way to avoid this problem. During times of stability, saving money also frees up money for you to invest and prepare for the future. The goal is to make a system with an objective; therefore you will have an incentive to save money.

Before saving money, you should record your spending. Expenses range from food, housing, entertainment, and more, you need to record this information. Categorising your expenses puts the information in an importance hierarchy. By categorising expenses,

you realise what costs are crucial and what costs you can reduce. Recording your spending is crucial in seeing how much money you spend and how much you can therefore save. Then, you can realise where you are financially and then you can save your money. After recording your spending, track your spending; find trends of what type of spending is causing your trouble.

An example of a trend is that small expenses add up quickly. A trip to a coffee shop could be \$5 a day, which is \$35 a week, which is also \$1,820 a year. It is crucial to do the arithmetic on your spending trends; doing this will help you obtain perspective on how much money you are spending long term. However, everybody hates arithmetic for some reason. Many people are appalled by doing this because it sheds light on the effect of their actions. But, this is very valuable to do because it shows the compounding effect of saving money. After doing the math, realise what spending you want to save. The way to cut down on your expenses is to instantly put money aside into a savings account after a paycheck. For example, after receiving a paycheck, put 10% aside in a savings account. This money will be your backup and your savings. Using this money, we can invest or save the money and use it for emergencies.



Source: <https://www.palmettocitizens.org/personal/savings>

The Impacts of COVID-19 on the Movie Industry

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Nobody could have foreseen the impact COVID-19 would have on our world. During the early days of

the outbreak, nearly all societal functions had to be put on hold due to the fear of the virus. Stores had to shut down and workers had to either stay at home or work from home.

No one was exempt from the effects of this pandemic: some managed to adapt and improve while others could not handle the burden, maybe even both. An example of an industry that suffered but also found ways to adapt is the entertainment industry. Due to the fact that social gatherings, or any types of large gatherings for that matter, were banned, production of movies and shows had to be halted. Furthermore, as cinemas were deemed unnecessary enterprises, they were mandated by governments to close down in many parts of the world which was the case in countries such as the US, Canada, and the UK. Then how did the industry react to such unforeseen series of events to avoid going out of business?

The entertainment industry, more specifically the movie industry, takes up a huge portion of the economy around the world. It is said that Hollywood sustains approximately 2 million jobs and 400 thousand businesses just in the US. Surely, this outbreak would have affected the industry in a myriad of ways few of which would be: closure of cinemas, delaying or cancelling of production and release of movies, and loss of jobs. As a consequence of the first cinema closures around the world, the initial reaction of movie studios was to delay the release of the movies. Movies such as *No Time To Die* and *Wonder Woman 1984* were two of many films to have their release date postponed in hopes of cinemas reopening once the pandemic has slowly loosened its grip on our society. However, the pandemic lasted much longer than what the studios had initially expected, leading them to delay the release of the films even further. While most films had their release dates delayed, some studios took a gamble and decided to release the movie when the situation around the world appeared to get better. An example of this would be Christopher Nolan's *Tenet* which initially had its release date postponed. Eventually, the studio decided to push for a release in the summer when the number of new cases in select countries appeared to be on a decline.

With the pandemic showing no signs of slowing down, studios around the world could not constantly delay release dates of films without end. Thus, many studios have resorted to different methods of getting their films out there. One of the most popular choices

is to release the film on a streaming platform or on VOD. Streaming platforms have become some of the biggest providers of entertainment to the public. Famous examples include Netflix, Amazon Prime, HBO Max and many more. By utilizing the pre-existing platform of entertainment, studios and their films could reach a large audience without the help of cinemas. Many films that were scheduled to release in cinemas around the world resorted to releasing exclusively on such streaming platforms or releasing on cinemas as well. One example would be Wonder Woman 1984 which will be released in cinemas and on streaming platforms after multiple delays. By releasing on streaming platforms, studios are able to get the movies to the patiently waiting audience while recuperating the production costs of the movies.

The pandemic has changed our world a lot. The movie industry demonstrated a way in which our society and industries adapt to such crises and continue to move forward. Although seeing films being postponed or cancelled altogether is terrible, we can commend the industry for finding new ways to get their projects out to the audience and adapt to the circumstances.
