

What Might A Lame Duck Biden Aim For?

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These are a pretty bad days for U.S. President Joe Biden.

Wednesday: [Quinnipiac poll shows Biden with 33 percent approval rating](#)

The poll found 57 percent disapproved of Biden's handling of the economy, 54 percent disapproved of his handling of foreign policy and 55 percent disapproved of his handling of the pandemic, which was once a consistent bright spot for Biden.

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Thursday: [Kyrsten Sinema Backs Senate Filibuster in Blow to Joe Biden Amid Voting Rights Showdown](#)

Senator Kyrsten Sinema has delivered a major blow to President Joe Biden as she reiterated her support for the chamber's 60-vote filibuster—the biggest obstacle for Democrats in passing voting rights legislation.

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Thursday: [Biden all but concedes defeat on voting, election bills](#)

All but conceding defeat, President Joe Biden said Thursday he's now unsure the Democrats' major elections and voting rights legislation can pass Congress this year. He spoke at the Capitol after a key fellow Democrat, Sen. Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, dramatically announced her refusal to go along with changing Senate rules to muscle the bill past a Republican filibuster.

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Thursday: [Supreme Court blocks vaccine rule for companies, allows health care worker mandate](#)

The Supreme Court on Thursday blocked the Biden administration's vaccine-or-test rule for businesses with at least 100 workers, but granted a separate request from the Biden administration to allow its vaccine mandate for health care workers to take effect.

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Thursday: [Producer price index increased by 0.2%, up more than 6% for 2021](#)

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Friday: [U.S. Retail Sales Slide Most in 10 Months on Inflation, Omicron](#)

The value of overall purchases decreased 1.9%, after a revised 0.2% gain a month earlier, Commerce Department figures showed Friday. The figures aren't adjusted for inflation, suggesting price-adjusted receipts were even weaker than the headline number.

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Friday: [U.S. Consumer Sentiment Drops More Than Expected Due To Inflation Worries](#)

Noting inflation's regressive impact, Curtin said consumer sentiment among households with total incomes below \$100,000 slumped by 9.4 percent in early January, while sentiment among households with incomes over that amount increased by 5.7 percent.

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Losses on all fronts. The midterms will likely be devastating for the Democrats. Afterwards Biden will be a lame duck.

The only field where he will still be able to show political initiative, and maybe have some successes, will be in foreign policy.

What could he aim for?