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Joseph R. Biden,
Jr. 2021–

Heightened security is called for Biden's scaled-back inauguration in Washington, DC due to the threats of COVID-19 and violence.

In his inaugural address, Biden names six crises we face: Coronavirus, climate change, growing inequality, racism, America's global standing, and attacks on truth and democracy.

1/6/2021: Trump supporters storm the Capital to "Stop the Steal" of the presidential election.



Kamala Harris
VP

More than one-half of Biden's 25-member Cabinet picks are non-white; **48% are women**. It's the most inclusive Cabinet in US History.

Women make up 60% of Biden's team beyond the Cabinet: senior staff, COVID-19 Equity Task Force, deputy secretaries and the entire Domestic Policy Council.

The White House establishes a **Gender Policy Council** to keep gender issues at the heart of almost everything the administration does. The council reports directly to the President.

Between February 2020 and January 2021, **2.5 million women exit the workforce** in comparison with 1.8 million men.

Forbes Magazine estimates 2,775 billionaires in 2020; significantly more than in 2019. In the midst of the pandemic, a new billionaire was created every 17 hours.

The New York Times reports that CEOs of major companies make, on average, 320 times more than their typical worker.

[Former Second Lady Dr. Jill Biden becomes First Lady. She is the first First Lady to be employed while serving.](#)

Kamala Harris becomes the first woman, the first Black, and the first Asian to be sworn in as the Vice President of the United States. She is sworn in by the first woman of color to sit on the Supreme Court, Sonia Sotomayor.

Lady Gaga and **Jennifer Lopez** participate in the inauguration ceremony on 1-20-21. Listen to the women sing.

Avril Haines becomes the first woman to be Director of National Intelligence.

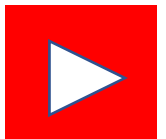
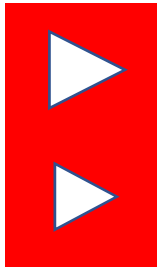
Amanda Gorman becomes the youngest inaugural poet in US history.

Bianca Smith becomes the first Black woman to coach in professional baseball history. She was hired by the Boston Red Socks.

Rosalind "Roz" Brewer becomes the first and only Black woman to run a S&P 500 Company: CEO of Walgreens Boots Alliance (retail drug stores).

Sarah Thomas becomes the first woman to officiate at the Super Bowl (Super Bowl LV between Kansas City and Tampa Bay).

Susanne Clark becomes the first woman CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.



In an historic moment, two women stand behind President Biden in his first address to Congress; VP Kamala Harris and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi.

Biden launches three massive investment plans: the American Rescue Plan, the American Jobs Plan, and the American Families Plan.

Rhode Island becomes the fifth state to ban children under the age of 17 from marriage: Delaware, Minnesota, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania are the other four states.

Juneteenth becomes the 12th federal holiday.

The **Female Founders Fund** (established 2014) becomes the largest seed fund for women as it seeks to disrupt the Venture Capital ecosystem. A new infusion of \$57 million is led by a donation from Melinda Gates.

With the addition of 18 new events, the Olympic Games (Tokyo, Japan in July) becomes the first Games in history with an (almost) equal gender participation.

Texas bans medical abortions.

Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iwealea becomes the first African-American and dual citizen to head the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The Boy Scouts of America celebrate **1,000 young women** who attain the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout.

Jane Fraser becomes the first woman CEO to run a major US bank (Citigroup).

Kim Ng becomes Major League Baseball's first woman General Manager; Miami Marlins.

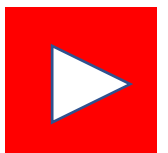
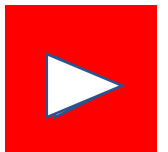
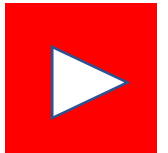
Maria Chaka becomes the first Black woman official in NFL history.

Whitney Wolfe Herd becomes the youngest woman CEO to take her company public; the tech company is the online female-dating service *Bumble*.

Dr. Katalin Kaariko is hailed as a hero for her groundwork mRNA research enabling the rapid development of Covid-19 vaccines.

Women sweep the Grammy Awards. **Beyoncé** becomes the first singer to win 28 Grammys, the most wins in history. Listen to her perform her Best R&B hit: *Black Parade*.

Kathleen Hicks becomes the first woman confirmed as Deputy, Secretary of Defense.



Christine Wormuth becomes the first woman Secretary of the Army.

Christine Abizaid becomes the first woman Director of the National Counterterrorism Council.

Allessandra Galloni becomes the first woman editor-in-chief of *Reuters News*; the first in the company's 170-year history.

Chloé Zhao becomes the first Asian woman to win DGA awards' top prize—*Nomadland*. She is the second woman to ever win the prize.



Kimberly Godwin makes history when she becomes the first Black woman president to lead a major broadcast-news network—*CBS*.

Linda Fagan becomes the first 4-Star General and Vice Commandant of the US Coast Guard.



Sally Buzbee, former executive editor and senior VP of the Associated Press, becomes the first woman to lead *The Washington Post* newsroom as executive editor.

Kelly Kleine becomes the first woman executive director of football operations (Denver Broncos), the highest ranking woman in NFL history.

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure becomes the first black woman to head the key health-policy position as head of Medicare and Medicaid.

Forbes launches '**50 over 50**' women leaders, entrepreneurs, and creators running companies with revenue of \$20 million or more. Enjoy their profiles.



The **first woman sailor** completes the 37-week training course to become a Naval Special Warfare combatant-craft crewman (SWCC). SWCC's transport Navy SEALs and conduct their own classified missions at sea. She will head to one of Naval Special Warfare's three special boat teams.

First all-women broadcast crew calls a major league baseball (MLB) game—Tampa Bay Rays and Baltimore Orioles.

Stephanie Linnartz becomes the first woman president of Marriott International, Inc., the world's largest hospitality company with roughly 7,800 properties across 138 countries and territories and 30 brands.

Lee Keifer becomes the first American woman to win an Olympic medal (gold) in individual foil (fencing): Tokyo Olympics.

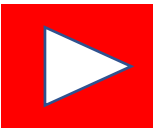
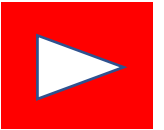
Allyson Felix becomes the most decorated woman track athlete in the history of the Olympics; she wins her 11th medal in Tokyo.

Katie Ledecky becomes the first woman to win gold in the first 1500-meter freestyle swim race. She earns the most gold metals of any woman swimmer in a single Olympics (Tokyo).

Kathy Hochul becomes the first woman governor of New York when Andrew Cuomo resigns amid a sexual harassment scandal.

Liz Shuler becomes the first woman to serve as president of the AFL-CIO (a federation of 56 unions and 12.5 million members). Listen to an interview.

GM CEO **Mary Bara** is elected the first woman chair of the influential Business Roundtable in its 50-year history.



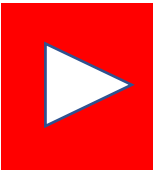
Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court becomes the first woman to lie in state at the US Capital. Listen to a PBS interview with RGB.



Katie Guay becomes the first woman to referee an American Hockey League game; 101 women are added to the officiating roster. The move creates a pathway for women to officiate future NHL games.

Rachel Levine, US Assistant Secretary of Health, becomes the first transgender four-star admiral.

Jessica Rosenworcel becomes the first woman to be the permanent chair of the Federal Communications Commission. She talks about the importance of digital inclusion.



Beth Robinson becomes the first LGBT woman confirmed to the US Court of Appeals (2nd District).

Michelle Wu becomes the first woman, and the first woman of color, to be elected mayor of Boston, MA.

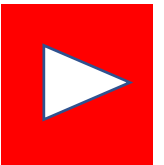


Susan Arnold becomes the first woman in Disney's 98-year history to become CEO.

Rachel Rollins becomes the first black woman to serve as US Attorney for Massachusetts; every Republican in the Senate voted against her.

Keechant Sewell becomes the first woman to lead the New York Police Department, the nation's largest force.

Betty White dies three weeks before her 100th birthday. Known as the First Lady of Television she was an industry pioneer and mainstay for more than 60 years. At age 88, watch her SNL opening.



January 2022 prices increase at an annual rate of 7.5%, the fastest in 40 years.

Congress approves sex harassment bill in #MeToo milestone.

Maya Angelou (poet) becomes the first black women featured on a US quarter.

Luisa Harris, the first woman and only woman to be drafted by the NBA dies (1955–2022).

Laurie Leshin becomes the first woman to become director of the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Billie Farrell becomes the First Woman Commander of the U.S. Navy's Oldest Ship the "U.S.S. Constitution" (a 1797 frigate) in its 224-year history.

University of Michigan provost **Susan Collins** becomes the first Black woman to be chief of a regional Fed bank: the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston.

Tania Tetlow, a laywoman and former law professor, becomes president of Fordham University breaking a nearly 200-year tradition of Jesuit-Priest leadership.

Erin Jackson becomes the first Black woman to win an individual medal in speed skating at the Olympics (Beijing).

U.S. women soccer players reached a landmark agreement with the sport's American governing body to end a six-year legal battle over equal pay, a deal in which they are promised \$24 million plus bonuses that match those of the men.

